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Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

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A. P. Mission, Saharanpur, U.P.
India. January 2, 1940.

Dear Dr. Speer:

While going through my journal to prepare for the commencement address at Woodstock School this year, I ran across a note I had made at the time of the visit of Mrs. Speer and yourself at "Mountain Rest" on August 2nd, 1934. I would like to copy it off for you:

"Mountain Rest, August 3, 1934

"Dr. and Mrs. Speer lunched with us yesterday on their way from Lakeville to Northfield. He loves missionaries and their children. He drives his own car, a Buick. She knits heavy wool sox for her son Billy. Mrs. Speer has a charming voice. Her grace of manner is natural and unstrained. Dr. Speer is possessed of an unveiled sincerity. His large oval face was often wreathed in smiles as he told tales at the table of outdoor life in Maine. He used to read and enjoy the 'Youth's Companion' stories by Stevens as a boy. Both spoke of recent books they have read.

Dr. Speer spoke at Northfield last evening and said; not by leadership, not by money, not by organization, but by unwithheld obedience to Christ, will the foreign missionary enterprise revive and go forward."

We trust you have had a delightful Christmas and that the New Year is treating you well. Thank you for your letter of Oct. 4th which reached us on Nov. 23rd having been censored. Our second son, Bruce, will sail in March with Kenneth Forman, going via the Pacific. After that I dare say we shall be looking forward to our own next furlough which is due in the early autumn of 1941.

With best regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Howard E Anders

Mrs. Velte and her son Mowbray were with us over New Year's; she is quite well. They are looking forward to Mrs. Mowbray Velte's return to India next autumn, as their little daughter is now much better.

First Presbyterian Church
Seattle, Washington

Jan. 8, 1940.

Dr. Robert Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Bob:

I thank you for your good letter of the second. You must have had a wonderful Christmas - a quiet Christmas, free from the nagging world, free from the harassing routine, free from the shots of the devil and the darts of his agents and the carbolic acid of his grandchildren.

I pray you will have a great year. Sorry you cannot come to see me, Bob. We may not live forever and we should get together so that we will know each other in the next world.

Wife has been sick with a cold but is better now.

Praying God's blessings upon you and Mrs. Speer, I am

Your true friend,

Mark.

M. A. MATTHEWS

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January 12, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert,-

I greatly appreciated your birthday greetings and words of appreciation which came to me on the morning of January 9th, my 78th birthday. As I look back on the years it seems to me that I have been quite as active recently in one good cause or another as at any time in all my life. I would have acknowledged your letter promptly but I wanted to tell you about a visit that was in prospect to the President in regard to a great missionary convocation that we have in mind.

I was down in Washington yesterday with Bishop Tucker, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Emory Ross who formerly was a missionary of the Disciples' Church and spent about fifteen years in Africa. He has come home for some good reason about which I did not ask any questions, but he is at present doing special work for the Foreign Missions Conference. He had the opportunity on three different occasions while he was in Africa (He was in the Congo Mission) of entertaining the present king of Belgium and his wife in his own home, and he has a very happy relationship with him and with the embassy at Washington where they seemed to know him in a very friendly way.

He conceived the notion recently on listening, I think it was to King Leopold broadcasting on some matter of finance or other subject, that there was no reason why we should not get such a broadcast regarding the work of foreign missions from people like the king of Belgium, the queen of the Netherlands, and King Gustave of Sweden. He took the matter up with the legations of these countries in Washington and found that they were very sympathetic toward such an idea. The Dutch minister told him that he had long wanted to have his queen's voice heard in this country and that he was quite sure that this would appeal to her. Only, however he believed, could she be asked to speak if the President of the United States were speaking on the same program.

Our call on the President yesterday was to present that invitation and appeal to him. He very promptly and cordially agreed and said he would be glad to do it, that he formerly had very little interest in foreign missions but he had very definitely changed his mind about them as he had learned of the way in which the missionaries in China had stood up to their jobs in these difficult war years.

He said in response to our request that he would very gladly have the invitations to these sovereigns in Europe sent through the State Department to our embassies in their countries and have them present the invitation. He allowed us also to say in presenting the invitation to these people that it would be a great pleasure to him if they found it convenient to take part in this broadcast.

I may say also that we called on Mr. Moffatt who has charge of the European section of our State Department under Mr. Hull and found him very much interested in the whole matter. While we were there he helped us to draft the invitation and statement which we would make to the three crowned heads in Europe and he promised to send these forward by cable to-day, not waiting to send them by mail. The legations of these countries will also send forward the invitations in their own way.

Our thought is to bring together a goodly number of people in New York who are interested in the missionary cause, both lay and clerical, at a luncheon where this broadcast would be given and where we would also, we hope, have Mr. Hull as a speaker on behalf of our own government, and perhaps other speakers. The National Broadcasting Company has already expressed its readiness to give us the time on the air for such a program. We are now planning that that meeting shall be held some time about the last week in March or the first week in April, suiting the convenience somewhat of the people in Europe.

We have the feeling that such a piece of publicity for the work of foreign missions ought to bring it to the attention of people across the country in a very impressive way. I should have said of course that not only do we expect to have such a luncheon in New York but have many such luncheons across the country to listen to the same broadcast.

You may have noticed perhaps that we got a little publicity out of the matter by having a picture of Bishop Tucker, Mr. Ross and myself appear on the third page of this morning's Times. Bishop Tucker has taken a very great interest in this matter from the first. As you know, he was a missionary bishop of the Episcopal Church in Japan for many years. We very earnestly hope that this thing can be carried through in an effective manner.

Yours very sincerely,

Jas. M. Speers

Second Presbyterian Church
OIL CITY, PA.

Arthur B. McCormick, Minister
113 REED STREET

January 18, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth St.
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

We used your Week of Prayer outline in the Union Services in Oil City and the brethren were loud in their praise of the outline you gave.

Some of them seemed to feel that it was the best thing we had ever had for a Week of Prayer.

Of course, owing to my former association with you and the help you have always been to me, I was from the first captivated by your message.

Please tell the Federal Council to do it again.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A B McCormick

Arthur Burd McCormick

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January 19, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

In the forthcoming issue of SOCIAL PROGRESS, for February, we are very happy to include a review of your book, "When Christianity Was New." I want to add my own personal word of appreciation for the help which I have received by reading it.

I find myself in hearty agreement with several others who have spoken most enthusiastically of your section on "War," pages 59 to 66. While I am not in complete agreement with all the positions you take, I recognize the fine presentation, from the Christian point of view, of your attitudes.

For some time I have wanted to have the pages of SOCIAL PROGRESS include a discussion of some of the outstanding positions toward war which seem to be in line with the Christian conscience. The fact that some of these attitudes will be at variance make such a discussion all the more valuable and helpful.

The section in your volume lends itself splendidly to this purpose. Would you be inclined to grant us the permission to print this section, making the necessary abridgment (1350 words) to bring it within our available space? If you would, on the other hand, prefer to write something for this special purpose, we would be glad to have you follow your choice.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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January 22, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Ex-President
Federal Council of Churches
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Speer:

There appeared an item in this morning's paper headed, - "Claim Christians Can't Be Neutral," and dated at New York. It said that thirty-three Protestant clergymen and laymen had declared that Christians could not remain neutral in the present international conflict. It gave Dr. Henry M. Wriston, formerly of Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, as one of the signers.

I was formerly a friend and supporter of the Federal Council of Churches, as you perhaps remember, having been chairman of the committee on national and international relations of the local Council of Churches for many years, until about 5 or 6 years ago when the Council embarked on a program of pacifism. I am not neutral in this foreign situation and would not pretend to be. I am neither a Democrat, nor a supporter of the New Deal, nor of President Roosevelt, but I believe that the United States has an international duty and has had for sometime which it is not performing.

What is the program of this group of which you seem to be a part? If you have any literature I would thank you to let me have a copy. I would also very much like your observations on the question:

By what authority of the Churches did the Federal Council of Churches adopt the program of "Pacifism"and "Change of the Social Order," with an indictment of the capitalist system?

Thanking you for such information as you choose to give me in these matters, I am,

Yours very truly,

George E Morton

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George E. Morton

THE SWARTHMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

DAVID BRAUN
Minister

January 23, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge, Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I find it difficult to express in mere words the joy which I and my people have felt in your presence over the past weekend. I want you to know that you have been a genuine inspiration to all of us, to my people in their Christian living and to me in my ministry. I do hope that the two speaking engagements in our Parish were not too rigorous and that you have had ample opportunity to rest since then.

I heard so many fine expressions of appreciation from my people that I could not possibly repeat even a small part of them. We shall indeed go on the strength of your ministry for many days. The Benevolence Committee wishes to send you their greetings and gratitude to which I add my own.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Speer and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

David Braun

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THE FEDERAL COUNCIL
OF THE
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY
297 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

January 24, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer:

I pass on to you herewith a letter from a lawyer in Milwaukee who was prompted to write you by having seen your name as one of the signers of the statement which was issued Monday morning on the international situation.

Since the letter came to our office, I have taken the liberty of replying to Mr. Morton in so far as he asks for information about the Federal Council, and I enclose herewith a copy of my reply.

Cordially yours,

Samuel McCrea Cavert

SAMUEL MC CREA CAVERT
General Secretary

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Conn.

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Dr. Speer

January 24, 1940

My dear Mr. Morton:

Your letter of January 22 addressed to Dr. Speer as an Ex-President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is being forwarded to him for his personal attention. He is now resident in Lakeville, Conn., instead of in New York.

I am personally interested in your letter because of your reference to my friend Dr. Henry M. Wriston, formerly President of Lawrence College. It was through my suggestion of his name that the recent statement on the relation of the churches to the international situation was sent to him for his signature.

I am also interested in your letter because of your impression that the Federal Council has adopted a program of "pacifism" and of "change of the social order." I am surprised that you should have this impression. While the Federal Council has been deeply interested in the problem of peace and has carried on a steady program in the interest of strengthening the forces for peace, it has never identified itself with pacifism. So far as the pacifist movement in the churches has a national expression, it is through the Fellowship of Reconciliation, which is an organization of individuals - not of churches. Likewise with regard to the social order, the Federal Council, while emphasizing the Christian demand for social justice and brotherhood and pointing out injustices and evils which challenge the conscience of Christians, has never proposed the abolition of capitalism. "The Social Ideals of the Churches," which is the most official declaration of the Federal Council on this subject, urges the "subordination of speculation and the profit motive to the creative and cooperative spirit," but this, as I am sure you will realize, is a wholly different thing from asking for the elimination of the profit motive.

If there is any further information which you would like to have concerning the program of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, please command me.

Very sincerely yours,

SAMUEL MC CREA CAVERT
General Secretary

Mr. George E. Morton
506-11 Realty Building
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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2100 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

January 24, 1940

My dear Dr. Speer,

It was a sorrow to be absent from our Swarthmore church when you were preaching there. Although I now live in this city I keep my membership there. When I first moved here I went out there to service regularly. But poorer health makes that impossible now. I would surely have been there on January twenty-first had not illness which kept me indoors prevented. When I am well enough to attend church I usually go to the Second Presbyterian church just across the street from this apartment house — The Embassy.

My sister Evangeline Lukens Harvey said that she spoke to you last Sunday using our threadbare introduction of years' standing of being Uncle Joe Scranton's when after you received word of her daughter's marriage --

What a precious experience it was, to me, to have been in Buenos Ayres. What a precious experience it was, to me, to have been two years in the school presided over by such women as Miss Kuhl and Miss Lascomb! It would be impossible to express my gratitude adequately.

It was a great shock to learn recently of Mr. Livingston's death and that Mrs. Kolb was so helpless from the stroke that came upon her.

I ought not to take up your time with such a long letter but I had so counted on renewing my friendship with you at Swarthmore, and not having had that I felt I should like to send this letter so as not to lose touch with you.

May 1940 hold many blessings for you.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,
Gertrude Lukens

nieces! She did not tell you, however, that I could not be there because of illness.

I love to recall the glorious experience it was to us as Wellesley undergraduates when you came to our Chapel there. And also I remember with gratitude the many times I have heard you at other places always receiving great inspiration for the road ahead. I am also thankful for my conferences and correspondence with you before and after my years of service at the Escola Americana in Curityba, Brazil. I am indeed fortunate to have had so many chances to be in your presence which has always helped me so much. May I now thank you for all the help that you have been to me, and for all that you have done, and are doing, for our Presbyterian work in the world? I do thank you with all my heart.

P.S.O

Oskaloosa, Kansas
February 6, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Sir:

It is heartening to see leading churchmen openly stress the need of common Christian concern in the present international situation. We agree that moral isolation and lack of discrimination between belligerents cannot be of the mind of Christ.

May I ask whether the "sympathy and support" urged in this declaration is meant to weaken efforts to keep America out of the war?

Since "a victory for the Allied powers or for China would not of itself assure the establishment of justice and peace," and since the Versailles experience emphasizes the fact that the influence of peace minded men at the after-war peace table is practically nil, does it seem to be the right road to suggest that Finland and the world would be helped if we lay alongside innocent Finland an even greater number of innocent American boys?

Does not a discriminating Christian mind have something clear cut to offer that every common Church man can understand, and by the grace of God reach up to and attain?

In view of the fact that democracy was not helped and religion received no lift and both victor and vanquished were the losers in the World War I cannot believe that your statement is meant to prepare the way as a first step for America again to mix up in this hideous mess by slowly getting into the war, and yet that seems to be the direction towards which your statement points.

I hope I am misunderstanding the purpose of your united efforts.

Very sincerely,

E. A. Ahrens

E. A. Ahrens, Pastor
Presbyterian Church
Oskaloosa, Kansas

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Church Federation of Indianapolis

Room D, Y. M. C. A. Lincoln 2826

Indianapolis, Indiana

February 7, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Speer:

I thought you might be interested in the attitude of some of the Christian people here in your recent interpretation of Christianity's attitude toward war. You have always been looked up to as one of the clearest thinkers and your books have interpreted the spirit of Christ to so many younger people and your recent attitude has confused their thinking. A number of the people have said to me that they can not understand Dr. Speer's spirit and attitude in this case.

I would like you to know that there is no censur or criticism of your stand, but rather disappointment and wondering just what has taken place that this should be the case and I assure you that I am not writing this letter in the nature of a criticism, but that you might understand that when you make a statement it reaches very far and carries with it great significance. A number of people have asked me to write to you and that is the reason I am doing it.

With very kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Howard J. Baumgartel
Executive Secretary

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Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
Detroit, Mich.

Detroit, February 12-1940.

Dear Doctor Speer:-

Thanks for your inspiring message of to-day. It may interest you to know that it reminded me somewhat of a day fifty-three years ago, when I was attending a convention of the New York State Y in an up-state city; I was then a student of the Springfield School. One of the topics on the program, as I remember it was- The Evangelization of the World within the next generation and the speaker was a Student Volunteer. I have always remembered his passionate appeal for immediate action; not to put it so far off, but to aim for it in this generation. As I recall it, that was Robert Speer. Am I right?

I was happy to detect that same insistence in your message to-day; that there is no other name by which men may be saved. Detroit needs that message; may God bless you every day of this week. I will be listening.

A.W. Kruemling

Sincerely yours

A.W. Kruemling.

Please pardon errors; I am writing in the dark.

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Rte 1, Milford, Michigan
February 22, 1940

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my dear Dr. Speer:

It was indeed a pleasure nd a privilege to hear you over the io from Detroit, after having eard of you for so many years am a granddaughter of a late eloved Presbyterian minister ho was preaching after he was ghty years of age.

wished as you spoke about character last week that all our young ople, especially, might have been stening in. "Remember son, nothing unts but character," said a mother her son who was leaving home begin life for himself.

ristian character is the best foundtion upon which to build a happy ccessful life. We hear so much our day about a social gospel [illegible] is doing [illegible] than good in my humble opinion. It is beautiful in theory, but simply doesn't work! It doesn't stand to reason that folks will ever be any different until they have a new nature so social reform is doomed to failure.

Please pardon all mistakes etc. my vision is limited, but I reall enjoy corresponding with other Christi people, especially, and every one ha been so kind + appreciative. It will ~~soon~~ be two years since my vision became so limite but I haven't minded it so much as I have a small capacity for poetry + have written well over 10 bits of verse, ~~most~~ much of which has been written during the past two years. Many of my compositions have been heard over the air, in fact we heard four of them last mo I should like to become a second Fanny Crosby - but I have a long way to go yet. I was much encour by a letter written to my daughter in wh a radio friend wrote "Your mother's let + poems have brought untold comfort to others from coast to coast [illegible] recently Mrs. E. H. h

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March 6, 1940.

Robert E. Speer, D.D.
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

I heard you preach at Westminister Presbyterian Church two weeks ago, on Christian Stewardship. In the sermon you gave twelve or fourteen reasons why tithing should be adopted by Christians; to begin with the tithe at least. I have thought a great deal about this question and have decided to adhere to this principle of stewardship from now on.

Would it be too much bother for you to send me, at your convenience, that list of twelve or fourteen points which consitituted the main divisions of your sermon? I would appreciate having them for future consideration and guidance in this matter.

I am a Senior at Luther Theological Seminary, Como and Pierce Ave., St. Paul, Minn. My background, however, is Reformed. I was reared in the Methodist Church, attended Jamestown College, a Presbyterian denominational college located at Jamestown, N. Dak. Sad to say, the College was and still is thoroughly religious, but not Christian! It is modernistic through and through. Christ and the Bible are mutilated. It stands as a noticeable example of a functioning religious machine that is not only dead itself, in unbelief, but in itself is deadly to the True Church of Christ, and thereby, to society too. Decay from within is the Church's deadliest enemy, particularly today. How can a sickly Church minister to, and preserve a sick world? Imagine disease trying to heal disease!

God reached me and brought me to the Saving Christ, only when I came in contact with the Lutheran Church, where the pure Gospel is still proclaimed. And I thank God for such men as C.E. McCartney, Prof. Homrighausen, and yourself, who still preach Christ--Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. There is still hope for the Reformed Churches, the leading ones especially, so long as there is in their ranks a sprinkling of you John the Baptists, crying in the modern "religious" wilderness, making way for Christ.

Christ Jesus sustain you in all your endeavors.

Thanking you, I am

In His Royal Service,
Fred Sommars

Oregon, Mo., March 13, 1940.

ear Dr. Speer:

I have received your tter and also the book "Memoirs of George Bowen" and I appreciate both very much indeed. You have been so very kind. Your letter has given me much needed help. I can see the book is very fine indeed and I am so glad to have it.

After my husband's decease, it seemed impossible for me to keep his library, so I very reluctantly disposed of most of the volumes. Imago Christi and the Edersheim book you mention were among them. I find now that it was especially unfortunate that I couldn't have kept the library, for our region of country is rapidly getting more and more bereft of Presbyterian or other ministers. We really are becoming quite stranded for safe and true leadership. But in time I shall find some opportunity and in the mean time you have helped me very much.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Weber in the spring, before they return to Africa. I'll be so happy to converse

with them about our old friend
in Africa, though many of our
native ministers, workers, & frie
have passed away 'ere this.

In closing I want again to e
press my appreciation of your
kindness in writing so promp
and in sending the fine book
It has only deepened the estee
in which I have always hel
you since the earlier years o
our acquaintance. My husba
felt about you too just as I did.
I am so glad that we both were
to see you and hear you speak, a
Wichita, Kansas, about twelve yea
ago. It was a joy to us and I
remember some of the things y
said there.

I must close now.

Very Sincerely Yours,
(Mrs. J.S.) Minnie M. Cunningh

PETERSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

March 15, 1940

My dear Dr. Speer —

Words are of course inadequate to express the great joy and privilege which have been ours during this week in sitting under your clear and faithful instruction and interpretation of God's Word. The attached is but a feeble expression of our love for you and our gratitude for the wonderful week which we have had together. Many have spoken of the rare privilege afforded them and I am sure many lives have been enriched by your messages.

May I express my personal thanks for the broader vision I have caught through your masterful handling of these subjects of such vital importance.

PETERSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

I should be quite remiss did I not add that this week would not have been complete without the presence of your dear, sweet wife. It has been a real pleasure for us all and she too may be sure that she has left an indelible impression upon our people.

You may be sure that our prayers shall follow you both and it will be our earnest hope that God's richest blessings may always attend you.

Sincerely,
Frank K. Martin

Kensington Community Church
4773 Marlborough Drive
San Diego, California
Phone Talbot 3215

Ray Anger, Minister

GM

Dr – Chester could send for me

April 10, 1940

Dr. Robert E.Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Sir:

You will be interested to know that we are making a compilation of Statements of Faith, Creeds, Statements of Life Purpose, etc., of the outstanding clergymen, theologians, educators, social workers, and missionaries in the United States and Canada. In the finished compilation we expect to have 200 or more which are truly significant, from contemporaries. There will also be a section of historical and Biblical material.

As a religious Leader, you will know the need for teaching faith in a time of unbelief. Up to the present time, from the material which has already come in, we have selected about 45 excellent contemporary Statements, and more are arriving by each mail.

Do you have a Statement of Faith of your own, which is approximately 125 to 150 words in length? May I have a copy of it? Do you have others in your possession of which I might obtain a copy? Is there some publication which contains a summary of your faith in a paragraph or two, which might be adapted to use in a Service of Worship?

While we cannot include every statement which is submitted, we shall make every effort to judge each one on the basis of genuine merit. Each contributor whose material is accepted will receive a copy of the finished collection.

Sincerely,

Ray Anger

Ray Anger

P.S. Do you know of others who might well be approached on this matter? May I have their names? Please include a copy of your Sunday Bulletin. Thank you very much.

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Greenwood, Mississippi.
April 13th, 1940

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Dr. & Mrs Robert E. Speer
Tunica, Miss.

Dear Friends:-

I desire to express my personal appreciation of your work with us during the past few days. I heard all of your messages and I feel that you have made your mark upon us. We shall never forget you and we shall never forget what you told us to do at the outset of your messages, to "Consider Jesus". You have presented Him in such a way that we can truly "Consider Jesus"; "His influence"; "The Great Commission"; "God's quest for Man"and the "essentials of discipleship".

Your messages on Faith; Hope; Joy; Prayer and Love were glorious and add to the desire and purpose in our hearts to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As a result of all these wonderful messages, we can but resolve to "Give Christ our best". We shall strive from this day on to have "Our Upper Room", prepared and ready, in order that we shall serve Him better in the future.

We shall long to see you both again and we shall follow you in our prayers.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. DuBard

W.H.DuBard.

Greenwood Miss.
April 15,1940.

Br,Robert E.Speer.
Tunica Miss.

Dear Dr.Speer:-

I want to on the behalf of the Session Board of Deacons and the congregation of The Presbyterian Church of our City. Express our deep appreciation for your visit and services rendered while in our city.

May God bless you and yours, and give you many more years in which to teach the redemption of man.

If the world today could see and understand salvation as you told it to us there would not be the strife that is going on in the world.

Personally I want to say you told the story of redemption clearer than any one I ever had the pleasure of hearing.

I am yours very truly

S. H. Guess

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Clerk of the Session
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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

On behalf of the Uptown Retail Guild and your friends here at McCutcheon's, I want to thank you most heartily for the splendid cooperation you rendered in making the dinner for Mr. Speers a success last night.

Mr. Speers was tremendously thrilled by the occasion and a great part of the satisfaction he derived from it came from your friendly words. I think you, probably, have been more intimate for a longer time with Mr. Speers than anyone else there. I am sure that your interest and the heartily appreciative remarks from so old a friend must have provided one of the greatest sources of satisfaction from the evening for him.

We hope that Mrs. Speer enjoyed the occasion too.

With hearty thanks,

Cordially yours,

Chandler Cudlipp

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May 1st 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
New York.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Just a line to thank you for your ssage in the May edition of Social Progress under the tle "Christianity and War". It came as a helpful rrective to Fosdick's "Putting Christ into Uniform" which I d read just a few minutes before. I am glad you ve called attention to Romans 13^{4}. We can recognize e Civil Power (Cesar) as God's minister in his own ealm and render unto Cesar the things that are Cesar hile being ministers of the things of God as messengers the Gospel. A recognition that God has made a tain minister responsible for Enlightenment and Propaganda d another for Justice does not imply that we set up double standard as Dr. Fosdick seems to think. Both us are ministers of one God to whom each of us is ictly responsible tho this does not mean we should t respect each other to the greatest possible extent.

With every good wish I am

Sincerely

Paul Burgess

Tunica, Mississippi
May 5, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer,

Your little book is an inspiration to live right. Serveral of my friends are going to borrow it and then I am going to loan it to the county library and next semester to the school library. Thank you very much; I shall treasure it always. It might make you glad to know that it cleared up a certain thing that has been worring me lately.

Friday night the Grammar School put on an operetta. John, my brother, wore a black wig that stuck out about ten inches in the back. He had on red-rimmed sunglasses with the glass broken out. He had on an orange-flowered kimona with jewelery sewed on it, playing the part of the kings chief advisor. You can imagine how he looked. Ha! but he was good. I thought that the little gnomes were the cutest of all with their brown outfits and yellow drooping ears, like a hound. Some of these little boys kept their (m) mouthes open during the whole operetta.

Thursday some of us represented our Episcipal church at the Episcipal young peoples reunion at Jackson, Mississippi. Bishop Tuker, Bishop of Episcipal church of U.S., spoke. Mainly statistics. We saw many of old friends and also enjoyed our day's vacation from school.

I wonder what you and Mrs. Speer are doing now. Tunica is showing effects of both of you, as I see it. This visit to a small town like Tunica shows real Christianity. I would like to write more but must go into dinner now. Yours Truly,

Mary Rita Delaney

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAIN AND WASHINGTON
GREENWOOD, MISS.

May 8, 1940

ar Dr. Speer:-

It has been in my mind to write you since the close of
services you conducted for us but under pressure of work I did not get
ound to it. Your stay and your messages were spiritual refreshment
me and so many of our people. The messages were of the very nature
wanted for my people and I am sure that great good was accomplished.
nk you so much you so much for the life of George Bowen. I am
ing to hold it for reading during my vacation.
ase give my kindest regards to Mrs. Speer. We enjoyed knowing her so
uch.

Cordially yours,
J. P. Marion.

TELEPHONE ABBOTT 3193

South Presbyterian Church

1780 Seneca St.
Buffalo, New York

THE PASTOR'S STUDY

May 10, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have just read in "Social Progress" "Christianity and War", excerpted from your "When Christianity was new". I think there are some admirable things in it. Its weakness, in my judgment, is its failure to interpret Jesus from the context in which he lived and taught. More specifically, in your comment on Jesus' Prophecies of the last things, is it not to be observed that the very reason why Jesus forecast Jerusalem's destruction by war lay in the fact that Jerusalem was refusing to take his own way of peace and love for their enemies;that the Jewish attitude toward Rome was provoking Rome to war?

I enclose a copy of a pamphlet I recently wrote, published by the Social Education and Action Committees of the Synod and the Presbytery.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Alvin Gates

John W. Dulaney James W. Bell, Jr.

DULANEY & BELL
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
TUNICA, MISS.

May 13, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have delayed writing to you until I could find an opportunity to read the book "John J. Eagan", which you so kindly sent me and which I appreciate very much. I thought that I might make some comment on the book, but now that I have read it I feel that I should reread it, or perhaps more than once, before trying to say anything about it. His was certainly a great life and one well worthy of study and emulation.

The week you and Mrs. Speer spent with us was certainly a great one for Tunica, and more was accomplished than I had thought possible. We shall be sometimes referring to things as having happened before "Dr. Speer's meeting" or after "Dr. Speer's meeting".

Mary Rita greatly appreciated the books you and Mrs. Speer sent her, and her desire to have her friends read them indicates the impression they have made on her.

I hope very much that we shall see you and Mrs. Speer in Tunica again sometime.

With best wishes for both of you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Dulaney

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SEPH A. SCHOFIELD, JR.
PASTOR

May 21, 1940

Mr. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
Rockledge,
Lakeville,
Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Your letter has been received with its reference to my review of your excellent book, "When Christianity Was New" that appeared in the current issue of "Christianity Today." I am happy to comply with your request that I send you a copy of my notes of typographical errors that I discovered in the book. I made no attempt, as I studied the book for review, to check on every Bible reference in it-- filled as it is with so many interesting and stimulating references to Bible passages. But when I did check on a reference and found an error, I jotted it down. The enclosed list is the result. Most of these typographical errors were more or less obvious and the passage intended was easily located even from the faulty reference. In a few cases, it was necessary to consult a concordance to be sure of the passage intended.

I want to add my personal word to my more formal review that I thoroughly enjoyed and greatly profited from the reading of your splendid book.

Cordially yours,

Joseph A. Schofield, Jr

St John's College
Cambridge, Eng.
22 June 1940

My dear Speer

It is so long since you sent me the memoir of George Bowen, that you will wonder what I am writing about. I am growing old, & procrastination becomes congenial – "tomorrow & tomorrow & tomorrow": but, in spite of the ungraciousness that this procrastination suggests is part of my character, do believe

that, if I delay to write letters
acknowledge books, I have the live
& pleasantest recollections o
visit in 1919 — dreadfully lo
ago, when you think of it — b
house over at Englewood, ch
in the morning. the woods w
& your boy & girl in the aftern
George Barbour & Dorothy Dick
newly engaged, elderly mar
people now with heaps of son
Pattie I met at Northampt
New Year's 1929, sampling a

-man house-party, grown much bigger than she was on the Sunday in the woods, with a pleasant way of putting things. You had telegraphed her an occult message, which with the aid of her Bible she got.

What was stranger about that conference, was that a woman & her daughter came from Holyoke to see what they thought of it all, heard an address from me & went back — never speaking to me, & never guessing any more than I di

that the daughter was to ma

my son, which she did two y

ago. Their name was White.

No sort of a letter? about

book? This kind of time one

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nights this week.

My dear Speer, I wd like

meet you all again, if you c

forgive garrulous procrastina

Yours penitently T. R. Gl

THE ABINGDON PRESS
JOHN W. LANGDALE, BOOK EDITOR
NEW YORK CINCINNATI CHICAGO

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
June 26, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer:

There are few persons from whom such a letter as you wrote me would mean as much. As I have not been able to conceal from you, I admire you as one of the chief princes of my generation.

Since you have expressed solicitude about my health, may I say that I think I am recovering solidly and that I am assured by my doctor that I shall be able to resume my office activities in the fall. This is very gratifying to me for I love my work.

I often think of Mrs. Speer and yourself and of your noble boy who finished his work in this life before we were ready to let him go.

I am glad Ocean Grove could have the privilege of your ministry once again.

Cordially yours,

John W. Langdale CEH

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

JWL/CEH
Signed for Dr. Langdale

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Mrs C Lewis Irwin

1108 Walnut
Emporia.
Kansas.
August 11, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Although I've not known you personally I have always held your name with great respect and esteem every since I can remember, since you have ever stood for the truths of Christ and have been such a tower of strength to the whole church and the cause of missions.

Three years ago Florence (Chaney) Benedict and I called at your office where I remember she told you of the transformation of her life after years of pagan living in China.

The enclosures tell of Mrs. Benedict's passing in Peking last winter. These have only just recently come to hand and the thought came you would be interested in reading them. Her great concern when I last saw her was that her husband might come into the joyous experience of Christ that she had found.

Because of her great love for China and the Chinese she must have helped a great many to find Him. On our return voyage I was talking to a cultured Chinese woman from Peking (she and her husband were coming to the Diamond Jubilee in Vancouver in which her husband was manager of the Chinese exhibition) I asked her if she chanced to know Mrs. Benedict – "Yes", she said, and her face lighted up "It was because of her that I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ."

Sincerely and All Good Wishes,
Vera Irwin.

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Mr. Robert E. Spear
156-5th Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Spear:

These are indeed crucial times when we all look to our national leaders for guidance, comfort and encouragement. With power now delegated to call the National Guard into service, and with rapidly growing prospects of some form of compulsory draft, thousands upon thousands of young men face removal from steadying home influences, and will soon be placed for the first time largely upon their own resources in new and untried circumstances.

Many parents dread this wrenching of family ties and are naturally apprehensive as to how far moral and religious foundations which they have attempted to develop in their sons may be adversely effected by the vicissitudes of life in service. During the last war there was a very considerable demand for Testaments that parents might present to sons leaving for duty, as a sacred token of parental affection, and as an encouragement of continued Christian living. We anticipate a recurring demand along these same lines in the period just ahead, for the great majority fully appreciates that our American way of life must be continued on Christian principles.

Great and good as is the text of the beloved New Testament, we feel thatits value to a man in service might be extended if we were to bind with its pages a section containing PRAYERS FOR THE USE OF MEN IN SERVICE. We believe the inclusion of suggested prayers for the use of our sons by leaders of Christian thought and living in the chief Protestant denominations would be a highly appreciated and effective means of bringing strength, comfort and guidance to a host of young men, during a time when they will be forced to readjust their lives.

Your great contribution to the Christian Cause has made your name venerated by so many that the inclusion of a prayer contributed by you would be a consoling aid to many who will soon be without ready access to such competent spiritual guidance. We would appreciate it if, in a busy and crowded life of usefulness, you could find time to contribute to this Christian activity which may bring solace to many youngmen, as well as their parents.

We believe the need is at hand and, to be ready to serve it promptly, time is somewhat of the essence of our request.

Very cordially yours,

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August 31, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Robert:

It was very gracious of you to have your biography of "George Bowen of Bombay" sent to the various stations of our Southern Presbyterian Mission.

For this station, thank you most heartily. When I paid you that visit in your office just after the Columbus Assembly, when you received such high tokens of love and esteem, and were unhurriedly giving me some of your time, I remember you told me you were at work on this book, and I am glad that it finally materialized. It will, I am sure, stir many to new faith and courage.

My thought goes back over the years from Round Top at Northfield where we first met down through the years, and I have rejoiced, not impersonally but with a personal affection, that your course has been of a shining light that shines more and more unto the perfect day, and I rejoice that in your "retirement" you are still going strong, to use automobile language, re-tired.

It is a privilege to be spared to serve in China at such a time as this. The cause was never more challenging than now, even in spite of the difficulties.

Knowing your voracious interest in information of every kind, I venture to enclose you a little missionary "dope" in the form of a letter received from Frank, now working in Chengtu, and a note concerning the "General" and "Madame" which you may have seen.

With constant remembrance,

Affectionately yours,

P. Frank Price

Later - October 26th.

You will, dear Robert, see how this letter was misdirected and so returned to China. The letter, therefore, is out-dated but not the affection and appreciation I tried to express. Now in the meantime, new problems are arising, especially this matter of Evacuation with all that it involves. The situation at this dateis eased from what it was two weeks ago, and while some are waiting to go, others are going to be hard to move. It is hard to guess which is worst - to go too precipitately or wait too long. Again I am thankful that the home churches have you as an interpreter and inspirer at a time like this.

As always,

P.F.P.

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Chaotung, Yunnan
July 23, 1940

Beloved Family:

I left Chengtu one Sunday and reached this interesting out-of-the-way spot in southwest China just one week later, travelling by rickshaw, air, truck, hwa-kan (chair on poles) and walking. You will find Chaotung on the map in northeast Yunnan, on a tongue of land bounded by Szechwan, Sikong and Kweichow. It is the center of the missionary work of the English Methodist Mission which reaches largely the aboriginal or tribal peoples - Miao, Lolo, Kopu and others - of the mountain regions. Chaotung itself, where our Rural Workers' Conference is being held, lies on a fertile plain about 20 miles long and 20 miles wide and 6500 feet above sea level. The weather is delightfully cool and we have to sleep under blankets every night. The people in the city and plain are mostly Han-ren, Chinese, but the tribes people predominate in the mountains round about.

The Methodist Mission has 90 churches, 5000 church members and 22,000 inquirers in their field which covers six mountainous hsien. Here is one of the few places in China where whole clans and villages have come into the Church at one time, a mass movement like that of the lower castes of India. The tribes have their own languages but the men and some of the women speak Chinese, clear Yunnanese which is more like "down river" Mandarin than Szechwanese. The Miao people live in mountain villages, are mostly tenants or serfs of Nosu (Lolo) landlords and are very poor. Christianity has made great changes in their character, and social life has given them new hope. The Nosu look like the American Indians and have a kind of feudal system, with kings, barons, and serfs. There are also Nosu freemen; the present Governor of Yunnan Province belongs to this class. Mission work has done a great deal also for the Nosu, especially through primary schools. The Nosu are sturdy folk and better off economically than the Miao.

One hundred have come to this Conference - pastors, evangelists, voluntary preachers, and school teachers, many walking several days over the hills from their homes. It is a most interesting group. How they can sing! I have not heard such fine congregational singing anywhere in China. They know many hymns in the New Hymnal and various choruses, and they learn new tunes very quickly. Marcus Cheng leads the Bible Study hour each morning and preaches each night to the conference and the local Christians together in the city church. I lead the devotional service before breakfast each morning and the discussion period on the Rural Church each afternoon. There are various small group meetings also. The delegates eat only two meals a day according to their custom. We are staying with Mr. Hey, the senior missionary here and a very capable, consecrated worker. He is good enough to give us three good meals and afternoon tea besides. We will have a few meals with the delegates but the dining room is crowded and they have to eat in two shifts.

Air travel from Chengtu to Kunming took only four and a half hours. We had two days in Kunming and then took a CIN truck as far as Weining - three days' journey because of stops for repairs. The nights were spent in comfortable China Travel Service rest houses. Along the way we could see thousands of men, women and children working on the new Yunnan-Szechwan railway. Much progress has been made since we passed through this region last September. Weining will be an important junction; one line will run north to Ipin (Suifu) in Szechwan and another east to Kweiyang. At Weining we spent a night with the Methodist missionaries and the next morning started by hwa-kan, a three days' journey overland to Chaotung. There is now a motor road but very little traffic because of scarcity of gasoline. We were glad to see the country by the slow way. It is some of the wildest, most sparsely populated mountain country I have ever been through. The people are very poor, and villages are few. We did not stay in inns but simple mud-walled homes and we ate the lunch we brought with us and cornmeal or rough rice and cabbage cooked for us by the people in the homes. This used to be a bandit-ridden country but is safer now. It was good to come out into more fertile and prosperous valleys the third day.

All of this region and of other similar mountain regions is being opened up by war conditions as it would not have been for a generation or more. New ideas are coming in and the people are realizing a new national consciousness. Even the tribal peoples from whom most of the Conference members come feel themselves a part now of the China that is emerging. I am filled with admiration at the work of the pioneer missionaries who came here when communications were even more difficult than today and life far more dangerous. Just two years ago Mr. Goldsworthy, a missionary "Stone Gateway" a center of the Miao tribes work 25 milesf rom here, was killed at his home by bandits.

Outside news comes through slowly. There is a small lithographed Chinese newspaper every two or three days. No radios. Mails from Kunming take 5 to 7 days. Mr. May received yesterday some typewritten news notes from the British Consul in Kunming, dated July 17. We know that Britain has yielded to Japanese demands re the Burma Road. We do not know whether the Democratic Convention has renominated Roosevelt - last week.

We hope to fo in the mission car from here to Weining and possibly on to Kunming after this conference which ends the 30th. If there is time we may take a day xx x to visit one or two churches in the Miao area. Marcus Cheng is due to begin a week of meetings in Kunming on the 7th of August and I have an air reservation for Chungking the same day so we must be in Kunming before then. I shall be in Chungking two or three days and then go to Chengtu and Behludin.

Two letters have come, one from Essie the day after I left Behludin and one from Dad and Mother dated July 4th. I sent Essie a telegram by way of Chengtu yesterday, "Good trip, fine conference, love".

Our British friends here are naturally very anxious about their country and their dear ones and friends. Mr. May has a wife and two children in England.

Much love to you each one. God keep us all.

Always devotedly,

Frank.

PRAYING FOR ONE'S ENEMIES, is the title given to an account in the International Christian Press and News Service sent out from Geneva.

"According to The British Weekly of May, 23, 1940 a Canadian in Chungking was privileged to receive an invitation to share an evening meal with Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Soon after his arrival a servant came in and announced that an air-raid was expected. Madame Chiang Kai-shek went on unperturbed. The Canadian was more perturbed. Here he was under the same roof with two people who were wanted by the Japanese bombers more than the destruction of a whole Chinese Army.

Time passed, then suddenly bombs were dropped and burst with a thunderous roar. After the planes had passed over, Madame Chiang asked her guest to come to dinner. No mention was made of the raid.

The Canadian had come to the moment when he felt he should leave. As he prepared to go General Chiang said he would be happy if he would stay and join them in their evening's devotions. With that a Bible was produced and the General began reading some Scripture, then the three joined in prayer, the General leading.

Says the Canadian: 'I never expected to hear such a prayer again in all my life. The General began with a simple expression of thanks for their personal safety. Then he added thanks for the courage of the nation under fire. Then he prayed for strength for the men in the field and along the firing lines; he prayed for strength for himself. But the most amazing thing in his prayer was a plea that God would help him and help China not to hate the Japanese people. He prayed for the Japanese Christians, and all the suffering multitudes of Japan whose impoverishment was making the war on China possible. He prayed for the people who were bombed, for forgiveness for those who dropped the bombs.'"

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Sept. 1st, 1940

My dear Dr. Speer:

I cannot refrain from writing you a word of thanks for your very fine sermon this morning.

For three months my uncle and I have been traveling across the country mostly in Canada and we have heard all manner of war sermons, but none that touched the spot so well as your message this morning.

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Up to this time we had considered "The Trade Winds of God" a sermon by Chaplain John W. Beard of Portland, Oregon the best we had heard of twelve vacation services. Second place went to Rev. Rudolph J. Berlis of St. Andrews and St. Pauls Presbyterian of Montreal, Canada who used Ecc. 9:14 as his sermon theme. And third place went to Rev. Paul Beckwith whom we heard twice in Duluth, Minn., once on "Sealed By the Spirit" and once "Filled With the Spirit."

after to-day, each of these s going to step down one place. Please do not take this as flattery r criticism – it is sincere ppreciation of God's message as e hear it.

I spoke to you of Rev. Dr. Raymond Huston's illness. He collapsed in the pulpit last Dec., recovered enough to sit on the rostrum for the Easter servic but had a relapse a short time fter and is now helpless so far s the use of his legs is concerned. The congregation is unwilling to

let him retire on a sick pension and so have kept him on, with Rev. Thompson temporarily filling the pulpit. Rev. Huston's pension is due next April.

Don, his youngest boy, is in the Presbyterian College at Los Angeles (for the moment the name escapes me) preparing to follow in his father's footsteps. He is possessed of a very fine voice.

Mrs. Huston has given up her singing and is devoting her time entirely to Dr. Huston.

I tell you this, because I am

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going to ask you if you will please write a little message of cheer to Dr. Huston. He has creeping paralysis and is putting up a marvelous fight, but the doctor's seem to agree that there is no known cure; however, I do not believe that he knows such to be the case. You do not need to mention me— just let him think you got the idea out of thin air.

Again, thanks so much for the thot in this mornings service.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Ross.

ress:
R.M. Huston
ba City, Calif.
O. Box 324

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P.R.R. Y.M.C.A.
Pa. Station,
New York City. Sept 2, 1940

r. Robert E. Speer
st Presbyterian Church
h Ave. & Twelfth Street,
w York City, N Y

ar Sir:-

In this morning's issue of the New York Times I read with interest n excerpt of your sermon delivered by you Sunday, Sept 1st to the above hurch's Congregation.

You are by far more educated than I, yet at this writing I am eally wondering if you are or not. I cannot see how anyone familiar at all ith the Bible could ever make such a statement as ' The whole glory of ebrew History has been their daring in holding fast to their faith in God gainst all of the enemies of Israel'.

When the Israelites left Egypt, when Moses received the Law of od they were commanded to smite and utterly destroy all of the inhabitants f the land of Cannan, they were to show no mercy but to destroy them and heir Altars, break down their images, cut down their graves and burn their raven images in the fire. The People of Cannan were practicing RELIGION y worshipping Images and the Israelites were commanded to Worship the Lord Thou shalt have no other Gods before me. They were not to go after the Gods f the people which were around them. Deut. 7- 3,5, Deut. 6-14. Please read udges 2-12 and see how they forsook the Lord God and followed other Gods. hey forsook the Lord and followed Baal and Ashtaroth. In the 25th Chapter f numbers is an instance where they forsook the Lord God and followed aal-peor. Now read Psalm 106-34 to 39 and then you claim they held fast o the faith of God. You really mean they forsook the Lord God. Time and ime again the Lord sent his prophets and some of them beat, cast into rison as did King Ahab.

After King Solomon Israel was divided into 2 houses and to-day n Christendom we have the like 2 houses. After the Death of King Solomon eroboam became of Israel (1 Kings 12-20) and rected 2 calves of gold nd made Israel worship. ----If you are right, that was worship of the lmighty God, but God had told them, Thou shalt not make unto thee any olten image. Deut 5-8

God also warned the Israelites that he would scatter them mong the nations. He has done just that because they rebelled against is word, as it is written of them ' This is a rebellious people, lying hildren, children that will not hear the law of the Lord. ' It is also ritten O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen y thine iniquity Hosea 14-1

God, who is Judge of the Whole earth (Gen. 18-25) Doth God prevert udgement or Justice? Job. 8-3

Israel fell away to the Worship of Demons as it is so recorded of hem Lev. 17-7 Judges 2-17 and so I could go on enumerating other instances hen the Israelites fell away to the worship of images or Religion

If you would proclaim Christian truth it would be OK but teaching or doctrines the doctrine of men is all wrong and you are certain to meet he same fate Israel did-that is Christiandom.

Urging young men to go out join the army and now you see and are illing that the U S sacrifice its young to the God of force whom our father new not. and like the Religionist of Old, you'll slap Uncle Sam on the ack and say Bravo. Just like the prophets who advised King 1 Kings 22-6 hile the Prophet of the Lord told him the Truth

Lets know what your ' Christian Truths Are '

Yours truly,

William G Brown

LITTLE'S LANE
NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

Septembre 6th, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

Respected Sir:

Yesterday's issue of the Boston Herald had an Editorial about the sermon delivered by you, at the First Presbyterian Church, New York,

recently. And had thi
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Would you be willing
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Miss E. A. Little
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September 12, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your note of the 10th has been forwarded to me here in Newton Centre, and I do want to send you just a word of appreciation for it. I am very sorry that I am not to see you on the 23rd, for it always means much to me to have some time with you, but I do understand how hard it is to include all the appointments one would wish to accept.

These years with the Foreign Mission Society have indeed been rich and very happy years, and not least among the privileges they have brought is that of the fellowship with you and Dr. Mott and others in our common labors for the advancement of the Kingdom abroad. You know a little of how much your life and you personally have meant to me, and how grateful I am and always have been for your friendship.

I am glad that you and Mrs. Speer are finding your own "retirement" so richly blessed. As you see, I am now at Andover-Newton Theological School. I came here the first of the month as Director of Evangelism and Church Relations. A good bit of my work will be that of "big brother" to our ministers in the New England area, there will be considerable speaking in Associations and individual churches, and I already have a number of appointments to give a week or more to certain churches for special evangelistic services. There does seem to be a real need for a quiet, sane evangelistic work among the churches today, and I have had more than twenty-five invitations to hold such series of meetings in our churches. I enter upon the work with fear and trembling for I have had little experience in it; but the calls have come in such a way as to seem providential.

I will certainly pass on your good wishes to Dr. Lerrigo, and he would wish to join me in sending ours to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Robbins

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

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PRESIDENT'S ROOM

September 26, 1940

The Reverend Robert E. Speer, D.D.
Lakeville
Connecticut

My dear Bob

You perhaps saw Major George Fielding Elliott's article in yesterday's paper. An attempt is being made to bring pressure to bear upon the British government to break the blockade. It would be most embarrassing to Britain. Furthermore, it would arouse a great deal of anti-British feeling here.

Last night Bishop Tucker called a group of us and after talking together the enclosed tentative paper was drawn up. I suggested that it be not signed by some of us who have signed a good many things lately. We asked Bishop Tucker, however, to sign as head of the Protestant Episcopal Church and I suggested that you would be the most acceptable Presbyterian who would command not only Presbyterian sympathy but the sympathy of all who believe in missions. Henry Van Dusen is trying to get John Mott. The other signers we are after are men like Dr. Butler, Alfred E. Smith and men who are prominent in public life throughout the country.

If you are willing to sign this will you let me know so that I can have your signature by Monday morning.

Affectionately yours

Henry

HSC:BB

The American people are deeply sympathetic with the civilian populations of Europe in their sufferings and threatened sufferings. And especially with those who, already enduring subjugation by a pitiless conqueror, now face the further ordeal or privation. Were it possible to alleviate this distress, every impulse would prompt the American people to seek to do so.

However, by the declared intention of the totalitarian powers, this is a total war, imperilling the life of every citizen in the nations within its orbit. No one can hope to evade a share in the common suffering.

Indeed, the issue of the war lies between two strategies, each of which threatens intense suffering for civilians. The totalitarian powers aim by studied and relentless assault upon civil populations to drive them into subjugation and the overthrow of their trusted leaders. The toll of that strategy is being taken daily and nightly upon the lives of women and children. For the democratic nations, overwhelmingly outnumbered in military strength, the only instrument of defence available to them is the imposition of a naval blockade by which their adversaries shall be barred from the raw materials essential for their aggression, including food. This blockade cannot fail to threaten privation to people already suffering virtual enslavement at the hands of their conquerors.

The American people have given overwhelming evidence of their sympathy with Great Britain and her Allies, of their recognition that American security is deeply involved in Allied victory and of their resolve to lend the Allies all practicable aid to assure defeat for the totalitarian threat to the liberties of all free peoples. It is the keystone of American policy that they will lend themselves to no step which might directly or indirectly strengthen the enemies of democracy. This policy must determine action in this as in every other matter.

Any proposal to feed civil populations in conquered countries must rest on the consent of both belligerents. Germany and her allies would be expected to give guarantees not only that all foodstuffs sent would go directly and solely to the civilians of the conquered nations, and that no food which otherwise would sustain these people would thereby be removed, but also that quantities of foodstuffs known to have been already withdrawn from Denmark and Norway and Poland, from Belgium and Holland and France for the feeding of the totalitarian armies and peoples would be restored. The allied forces would be expected to permit food ships to pass their blockade.

These are matters to be negotiated directly between the organizations proffering relief and the governments concerned. It is our strong conviction that any effort to bring pressure to bear upon these governments or to arouse American sentiment for that purpose would be improper and unfair as well as directly contrary to America's essential interests, and should be firmly resisted by every clear sighted leader of public opinion.

We do not raise question as to the practicability of the undertakings which it is proposed to demand from the totalitarian governments. But, in view of the habitual violation by those governments of every solemn undertaking entered into, it is obvious that no confidence could be placed in any pledges which they might give. Therefore the decision as to whether the proposed scheme would guarantee that it will not strengthen the aggressors can be made only by those whose heroic sacrifices today safeguard our security, and whom Americans are resolved to uphold by every means within our power. Unless the British Government gives its free consent, uncoerced by any external pressure, it is our reluctant but considered judgment that the American people should have no part in the scheme. It may well be that the issue is between restraining the natural impulse to relieve privation, or giving a measure of immediate relief which will make permanent slavery tolerable.

GEORGE C. HOWARD
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
165 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE WORTH 2-3634

September 27, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It occurred to me that you might be interested in the enclosed editorial, entitled "Scholarship and Religion," which appeared in The Christian Science Monitor, issue of September 25th, 1940, sent to me by a friend. It is indeed gratifying to learn from Dr. Gilkey's report of the far greater participation by students today in religious affairs than for many College generations past.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my deep gratitude to you for all of the inspirations I have received from your sermons, addresses and writings, during a period of over thirty years, dating back to my college days at Michigan and Yale Universities. I know that my brother Harvey (Dr. Harvey J. Howard, now residing at St. Louis, Missouri) shares that same sense of gratitude.

With kind personal regards,

Very sincerely,

Geo C. Howard

GEORGE C. HOWARD

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FREDERICK G. BUDLONG
BISHOP OF CONNECTICUT
207 FARMINGTON AVENUE
HARTFORD, CONN.

September 28, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Salisbury, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

It is impossible to put into words the deep sense of gratitude which we all feel for your comprehensive and compelling address at our Clergy Conference. We shall always remember it and you with gratitude.

With warm regards,

Faithfully,

Frederick G. Budlong
Bishop of Connecticut.

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The Seventh Presbyterian Church
JESSE HALSEY, Minister
2726 Cleinview Avenue
CINCINNATI, Ohio

Oct 2.

Dear Doctor Speer -

Thank you for Monday. I have scarcely ever spent such a rewarding day. I wish I could have taken you to Chicago for those boys in my Tuesday classes.

It was a delight to be with you at supper at the Barbours'.

The Clerk of Synod will write you re dates. Give us two days or three if you can. You will hear from him.

I am asking Halley Cotton to try and get you to come to Chicago for some lectures to "my" boys, - after I am gone!

With deep gratitude and
Sincere affection
Jesse.

for the Federation to help a colored brother with some services;he
prayed for us(whoever was to preach) "O Lord prop him on his leanin' side"

St. James' Parish House

25 WEST STREET
DANBURY, CONN.

October
Third
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

Truly, that was a compelling, timely, and vital address that you gave to our men at Choate last week. For me, it raised and answered a great many points of issue that had been troubling me in the present crisis. I am sure that it did the same for many others.

Just at this time, when the Concordat is being debated, it seemed especially appropriate to have a former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church as the guest of and a speaker before the convened Episcopal clergy of Connecticut. I only hope that you enjoyed your visit with us half as much as we were helped and inspired by your coming. Connecticut will long remember, and ever be grateful for your courtesy and generosity in consenting to be one of our speakers this year.

I beg leave to enclose a check in the amount of $50.00, drawn to your order by the Diocesan Treasurer. However, your real reward must reside in the depth and reality of our appreciation.

With warmest personal greetings and regards, I am,

Gratefully and sincerely yours,

Hamilton H. Kellogg.

St. James' Parish House
25 WEST STREET
DANBURY, CONN.

October
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

No doubt, you will be surprised to hear from me so soon again. However, five of the Episcopal rectors in this section of the Diocese held a little meeting at my study this afternoon to plan for a service of Intercession For World Peace to be held here at St. James', Danbury in the near future.

Several centers in the Diocese have had services of Intercession for the British Commonwealth of Nations in recent weeks, but it was the feeling of the clergy that met with me today that we, in our proposed service, should widen the base of our Intercessory service, and include Christianity's World Wide Fellowship in our prayers to the Almighty Father.

Beside the neighboring Episcopal rectors and their people, it is our hope to interest the ministers of some of the other communions, represented in this locality, such as the Congregational and Methodist, to participate with us in what we hope will be a great spiritual witness of the underlying corporate unity that binds us together in Christ, and which we should recognize and stress more than ever before in these days of black-out, sorrow, and tribulation. Of course, all of the men at our little meeting had heard your address at Choate, and had been deeply moved by it. Thus, when the question of whom we should ask to preach at this proposed service arose, your name immediately jumped to the forefront of our consideration without a rival. We feel that your coming as the preacher of the occasion would constitute a most happy and timely event not only, because of your rare and rich gifts as a preacher, but because of your exceptional understanding of and witness to the cause of peace in the world, and Christianity's World Wide Fellowship.

Our thought in respect to the material of the sermon would be something along the lines of your address at Choate with certain modifications to more greatly stress the cause of world-wide peace, our sympathy for the war's victims of all nations, and our adherence to our world-wide unity as Christians in Christ, regardless of National boundaries.

As to a date,- we should like to have the service on Sunday evening, October 27th at 7:30 o'clock here at St. James' Church, Danbury. However, if the 27th is impossible for you, and you could come at the same hour on November 3rd or November 17th,

Dr. Robert E. Speer. October 7, 1940.

we should be glad to change our plans to accommodate your schedule of commitments. Naturally, we feel that we ought to hold this service as soon as possible. Certainly, the time is very ripe right now.

Are you in sympathy with our idea for such a service, and with the kind of sermon that we feel would be most helpful? It is our plan to dedicate the offering to the relief of war sufferers and victims. Therefore, I do not feel that, under the circumstances, when we are trying to raise all the money that we can for war sufferers, that we should offer an honorarium of more than $25.00. I realize that this is very much less than you are accustomed to receiving, and ought to receive, but we want to keep the expenses of the service down to the lowest point, so that every dollar possible can go to the cause for which we are taking up the offering. I know that you will both appreciate and understand our feelings in this respect. Both Mrs. Speer and yourself will be most welcome to spend the night at my home, if you should desire.

May I not have your answer at an early date, so that we may start the machinery and publicity going for this service right away?

Again thanking you for your fine cooperation at Choate and deeply hoping that you will be able to be our preacher at our service that I have described above ~~at~~ on one of the suggested dates, I am, with friendship's warmest greetings and regards,

Most cordially yours,

Hamilton H. Kellogg.

3045 S. Broad St.
Trenton, N.J.
October 7, 1940

v. Robert E. Speer
akeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

While on vacation this summer I read in a church bulletin the following-

Dr. Robert E. Speer has said in essence that "Prayer is the mightiest thing put into human hands. If we know how to pray, nothing is impossible to us. Prayer should be a matter of plan and purpose as well as impulse. The power to pray and the power to teach others to pray is entirely dependent on the depth of the spiritual life."

Will you please let me know where I can obtain a copy of this excerpt in its context?

Yuba City Calif
October Eleventh

Dear Doctor Speer:

Raymond was so leased to receive your good letter, nd wanted me to express his ppreciation of your taking the time rom your busy days for a message encouragement to him. Letters d visits from friends are welcome eaks in the monotony of days ent in bed.

He wants me to remind you your visit to Classon Ave. Church Brooklyn when he was pastor re, and of our meeting you at cramento Westminster Church on ur Moderatorial visit when I was loist on the program. We have joyed your many messages at ynods and General Assembly and

want to express our appreciation of
your wonderful service in the Kingdo
and pray God's blessing on your
continued work.

Sincerely
(Mrs. R. M.) Irene W. Husto

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1401 Washington Ave. S.E.,
Oct. 12, 1940.

Dear Dr Speer:- In my 82nd year I am serving as assistant to Rev James H. Blackstone, Jr. pastor of Westminster church. Mr Blackstone is a splendid young man of the extreme Fundamentalist type, a grandson of "W.E.B," author of "Jesus is coming." His grandfather lived in his father's home, dying at the age of ~~84~~ 94 & he had a marked influence over the grandson. He graduated from Westminster Seminary and served three years as assistant to Dr C.E. Macartney in the First Church of Pittsburgh before coming to this church 3 years ago. His Christian character is above reproach and his courtesy most marked. I have yet to hear him say an unkind word in or out of the pulpit. I am Conservative but have never lined up with the Fundamentalists. He thinks it right to support missionaries sent out by the Independent Board and uses S.S. Helps not published by our Board of Christian Education. An elder who heard your address to the students in the Chapel of Coe College told him that you did not even mention the name of Christ. I am wondering if you were correctly reported to him. He referred to Ian McLaren's story of "His Mother's Sermon" - "Speak a gude word for Jesus Christ."

I consider you under no obligation to reply to this letter, but would be pleased to have you do so.

My education has been Wooster College, '84; Princeton Semy., '87.

E.W. McDowell was my most intimate friend for four years in College. We kept in touch with one another all thru his missionary career and I visited him during his last days in Ft. Collins, Colo.

I was ordained in the Greenwich Church, Presbytery of Newton, June 7, 1887 and am planning to be with that church Oct. 20th as they are observing the 200th anniversary of the organization of the church. As I do not know your home address am sending this to 156 thinking some one will forward it.

Fraternally,
E. Winslow Brown.

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Dr. Robert E. Spear
c/o Presbyterian Mission House
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Spear:

Once each year, the churches of this community unite for the purpose of celebrating Universal Bible Sunday. For the past eight years we have been having these services in the afternoon, so this year's celebration will be held on Dec. 8, at St. Andrew's Church at 3:30 P. M.

You will note on the front of the Order of Worship that we used last year (a copy of which is enclosed), that there appears a quotation taken from the works of Matthew Henry. I am wondering therefore, if you would grant us permission to use the following quotation on our 1940 order of service:-

> "The Bible is one of the solid facts of Christianity. What it is, is not affected by what men think of it. Changing opinions about the Bible do not change the Bible. Whatever the Bible was, the Bible is. And what it is, it has always been. It is not men's thoughts about the Bible that judge it. It is the Bible which judges men and their thoughts. It has nothing to fear but ignorance and neglect. And the Church need have no other fear on its account. The Bible will take care of itself if the Church will distribute it and get it read."

We are in the process of perfecting our arrangements for this years Bible Sunday Service, and so I trust that you will favor us with a reply at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
NEW YORK BIBLE SOCIETY

John L. Bryan

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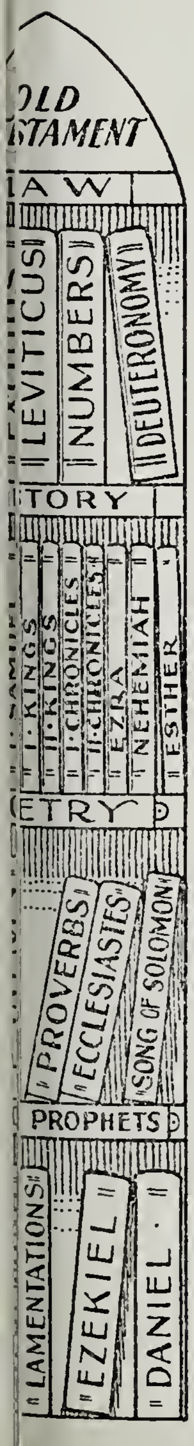
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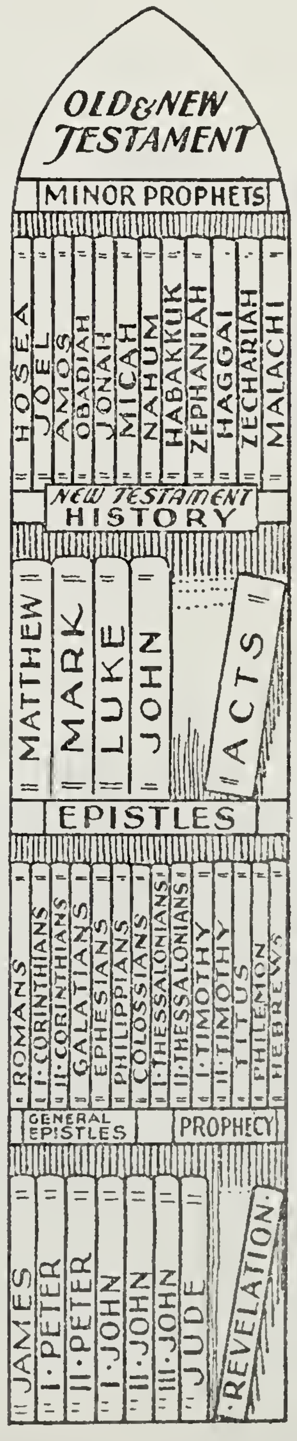
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November 1st, 1940

Reverend Robert E. Speere
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speere:

I have received a number of communications, since a fairly extensive report appeared in the New York Times of a sermon on Christianity and war which you preached in the First Presbyterian Church, expressing dissent from your views, and the hope that somehow the Chritisn Pacifist position might be presented to you. I am sure that you have at various times given it serious consideration. On the chance, however, that you may not have seen it, I am sending you under separate cover a copy of Professor G. H. C. MacGregor's new book, THE NEW TESTAMENT BASIS OF PACIFISM. If you are not familiar with it I am sure that you will find it stimulating and enlightening even though you may not at the end find yourself in agreement with it.

One of the hopefup aspects of the present situation is that in the main fellowship remains unbroken in the churches between those who believe that they cannot as Christians consistently participate in war and those who believe that under certain circumstances it is there duty to do so.

Sincerely yours,

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November 6, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I send this little note to express my appreciation to you for the inspiration you brought to all of us at the recent Retreat at Eden Seminary, St. Louis. I speak with genuine feeling when I say the meeting with your timely and spiritual messages was of great help to me. In my work among thousands of CCC young men, I strive to be as practical as possible in my preaching, but the high note must always be struck. You gave me fresh encouragement in realizing this aim.

About three Sundays in the month I get into churches in various parts of the State---churches of different denominations. More and more I observe the need---and, I think, it is felt very largely---for a better method or technique for private devotions. Again and again I have urged, particularly with the young, that some book like The Upper Room be used daily. I know we have a good guide in TOday, but I like The Upper Room still better. I have persuaded some Spanish-studying students to use the copy in that language. and to use it consistently. I mention this in passing, because with Protestants we are not very consistent or persistent in thinking for a few minutes at least each day upon holy things.

Let me thank you again for your good counsel and your fortifying message.

With every good wish.

Sincerely yours,
E. Talmage Witt
E. Talmage Witt

P. S. I was the gentleman, who inquired of you with regard to Allen's life of Brooks. I have been engaged in my present work since 1935.

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MISS DAISY B. TREEN
1217 BEACON STREET
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

Nov 13. 1940

r Robt E. Speer
56 Fifth Avenue
ew York City

y dear Dr Speer

Having heard hat you wrote a ermon setting forth your views on the Christian attitude toward the war now going on, I would like to know how I can obtain

a copy.
I still remember
with much gratitude.
the inspiration and
help gained from
your addresses at
the Northfield Conferences
many years ago

Yours sincerely
Daisy B. Trean

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November 16, 1939.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Bob:

We are overjoyed with the thought that in a few weeks we are going to see you and Emma in Englewood. Emily and I both hope this will be only the beginning of several visits with you that we may have this Winter. I am having a very pleasant correspondence with Emma regarding Church windows and other interesting matters. If we have time when I next see you I may talk a little about Ulster Irish ancestry. You may be interested in looking over the 1939 Year Book of the Ulster-Irish Society located in New York, an organization which is doing quite a worth while work among those interested in the North of Ireland, particularly descendants of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians.

In the present issue you will find some interesting articles regarding the Ulster background of Chester Alan Arthur, Twenty-first President of the United States. Similar interesting articles on the Ulster ancestry of other distinguished Americans have been published in this little magazine.

Each year the Society honors some distinguished American of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Within my knowledge this honor has been conferred on Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, President of Vassar, and upon Frederic W. Goudy, the distinguished type designer. If you happen to be in New York at the time of the

Annual Banquet or cared to come down to attend it I would be glad if you would accompany me on that occasion. I think you would find it quite interesting and altogether worth while.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK S. DUNCAN

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Dr. Robert E. Spear.
Quincy Ills.

Dear Dr: I listened in on your broadcast Thanksgiving day. I was intensely interested, much more so because I am hoping to get into the Lords work real soon: am studying to that end at the present time. Reception was very good but you had to talk so fast I could not digest and retain all your message: there was so much good in it I'd like very much to study farther, as I do not like to leave a single stone unturned that would help me win a soul for "My Lord".

Is there any hope of getting a copy of your address; I would not ask it for my own special benefit, but would do + dare anything for "My Lord".

Please address. H. E. Pershing.
Littleton,
Ills.

inclosed find stamp.

Hannibal Mo.
Nov 23-1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Quincy Ill

Dear Dr Speer

I have been listening to your messages over the Radio each morning the past week and want to tell you how much I have enjoyed them and that they have been a real blessing to me

There was so much good soul food in every

message you gave us, but
the most helpful one I think was
the one you gave us Friday
Morning regarding an unbroken,
steadfast, victorious experience
in the Christian life

I have met up with so
many Christians, with an up
and down experience; today
they are on the mountain top
when everything is going well,
but [illegible] they [illegible]

I believe the New Testament teaches a better experience than that; that through full consecration we can possess the abundant life that Jesus offers to all who will pay the price (the consecrated life)

Your ministry has been a great blessing to me and thousands of others and I thank God you came our way

I pray God's richest blessings upon you
Yours sincerely - Ludwig Anderson

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you tell I'm a real Man. That's my [illegible] Don't allow
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I feel I should tell you how
much I enjoy your broadcasts
each morning, you are very
intelligent, and interesting.
and a man of much help
to all who listen to you.

Lucy M. Frye.
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Bevier,Ky.Nov.26th,1940.

Rev.Rober E Speer,D.D.,
New York City,N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:The first time that I saw you,and became somewhat acquainted with you,was at the meeting of the Inter Seminary Missionary Alliance in Chicago some 50 odd years ago. John R.Mott and you were among the leaders at that time,and I was greatly impressed with the part that you two had in this great gathering Seminary students, Three others and myself were there from Union Theological Seminary,Hampden Sydney,Va. I remember that Dr. John Hall, of the Fifth Ave.Presbyterian Church addressed us the first evening. This was a wonderful opportunity,and I have always remembered it with a great deal of pleasure.

I had formerly attended another body of young men that greatly impressed me as a young lad,and that when I was sent to represent the Phi Delta Theta fraternity,Central University,Ky.,to the Grand National Convetion which met in New York City. This was a fine body of men,but of course it was very different,in that those who met in Chicago were bent on carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

I have met you on many occasions since,and have always heard you with great profit. I have always honoed you for your marvelos worth to the multitudes of Christendom,for the Christian world knows you,and you have been a blessing to the millions of this and other nations where the Gospel has been made known.

For more than fifty years I have been serving the Lord in a more humble way,but the lord has blessed my efforts apparently with equal success with many who have been recognized as holding higher positions,for He has given me friends, who have seen fit help me as an humble pastor, or school man,or Home Mission worker during all these years,and,while I will soon have reached the age of 78, my good wife,formerly a missionary to China,and I are serving a Home Mission field of five churches,and other outpost stations,increasing constantly in the importace of its work .

While I have beenquite active all these years,save once for a time while sick,yet the time has come when the weight of years is bearing rather heavily upon me,and I feel that I must soon retire,which I have a mind to do next November 1, and my wife and I are very anious to wipe out a small debt ,a balance on the Manse of $680,and a balance of money borrowed from the Church and Manse Fund,of $380 which was used in building Bethlehem Presbyterian Church,built in an important mission field where there was no church of any kind. We are wondering if the Lord has blessed you to that extent that you might be able to help us lift this burden,if only a small amount. Any way we want your help at a thone of grace,and ask your prayers.

We have had some fine and seeming always interested helpers since we have benn in this work among the coal miners,but the Lord has taken them away,and we are needing some new helpers in order to carry on. For the past 11 years we have been working among the coal miners of Western Ky,Principly Muhlenburg County,Ky.

Please pray for our work,and,perhaps you know of some one ,or ones who would like to have a part in this needy field.

With best wishes I am yours Cordially and sincerely,

J.T.Wade.

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28th November, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
LAKEVILLE,
Connecticut, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you very much for the copy of the book "George Bowen of Bombay", which arrived a few days ago. As I went over it I was deeply impressed by the great devotion and contribution that Mr. George Bowen made during his years of service. I am sure it will be a great help and benefit to all who read it. I am sending it to our library in order that more people may be able to have access to it.

I remember so clearly when I was visiting in your home all the time you were spending working over the details of this biography and it has been a lasting impression of your own inspiration and devotion to the work. It has always been a great help to me to realize that when you were so very busy with your heavy load you found time to spend in writing this inspirational book.

During these days we are very quiet for the Chengtu Plain is under a blanket of clouds, which gives us protection from enemy planes. We are deeply concerned for our group in Nanking and know they are facing very difficult days as they make decisions for the immediate future. It is hard for us to advise at this distance, we feel the burden must fall on the few who have been in Nanking during these last few years. Our most serious problem is the continuing increase in the cost of living, which makes it very hard for our staff members. We are trying to secure aid, especially in meeting the cost of rice, and know there will be a good deal of suffering among the poorer people this year.

With greetings of the season and best wishes to Mrs. Speer and yourself,

Cordially yours,

Y. G. Chen

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Nov 29. 1940

Dear Dr. Speer

Your sermon was an inspiration & your presence brought a Benediction to us all. We have been privileged in past years by several other great preachers at our United services. However, we felt that yesterday brought us nearer together & nearer to God than in former years. Thank you for coming & may the blessing you brought to us be always with you.

On behalf of the Clergy & with a grateful heart

Sincerely & cordially yours

Ernest C. Earp

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Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 2, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Huntingdon
Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

I aw in the papers where you were going to hold services in the Presbyterian Church and one of your topics - Can Man be Changed. The Almighty God knows there are many men in the churches today that needs a change at heart or their sould will be lost. God knows there are many deceivers in our churches today and my prayer is that God will bless you and your work here in Huntingdon this week.

Now I will give you twenty-five ($25.00) dollars cash, if you will get some of the members of the Presbyterian Church to stand up face to face with me in the church and let me show you my evidence in writing how I have been deceived, hurt and robbed by some of the would be big fellows of which I will be glad to give you their names, if you accept my offer.

Sincerely yours,

J O Kenyon

J. O. Kenyon

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518½ Washington Street,
Huntingdon, Penna.
December 4, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Huntingdon, Penna.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Since being privileged to hear your powerful and inspiring sermon last night I have felt what is turning out to be an uncontrollable desire to know how an intellect of the calibre of yours would react to the implications contained in an article bearing directly, among other things, upon any likelihood there is that the institution of Christianity (the Church as it exists) will ever set man's feet upon the sure road of human progress and keep them there. The article referred to was printed in The New Republic's issue of Dec. 4th and is entitled "Resources of the Mind". Incidentally, the most terrible sentence in this article is the undeniable asseveration that "Christians wage total war against each other"; doing so not only indirectly, as citizens of separate national political units, but also directly in the capacity of religious zealots.

I am venturing upon the liberty of addressing you thus because the more thoroughly I find myself in practically 100% agreement with the majesty of the case for the religion of Jesus Christ as presented in powerful and moving advocacies such as yours, the farther away do I seem to get from institutionalized Christianity and the more convinced do I become that the world has been organized and institutionalized and systematized to death; literally to the point where some men cease to be disturbed (even by the solemn warnings of the Sermon on the Mount) in their reliance on lip service, rituals and the success that so often follows upon the "Lord, Lord" technique, here on earth,- at the same time that others are abdicating completely their intellectual and moral king-ship, in response to the lure of the most sinister group of institutions (the totalitarian breed) that have yet appeared on the earth.

You mentioned those "witnesses" who gave the earliest Christian testimony. Whether this kind of message was all that was heard up to the time when certain well-intentioned men decided together that God needed a man-made institution to aid Him in the establishment of His Kingdom, I do not know, but I certainly do feel with Mr. Lindeman that "these faiths" (as they have been chrystallized into institutions) "have not resulted in human progress" and that "the energy generated by the beliefs has suffered degradation and cannot now be relied upon for purposes of regeneration".

Very respectfully yours,

Geo. L. Whitehead

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Harry W. Wagner
Manager

December 6,1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer.
Huntingdon,Penna.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Tonight I feel constrained to write you a short letter of appreciation for the marvelous sermons you have delivered to the people of Huntingdon during the past week.

Personally, I feel greatly indebted to you. It just seems out of all fairness that I should receive so much from you and apparently be unable to give anything in return.

It is a great satisfaction to me that I did not miss a single one of the series of sermons. I not only received great joy from the sermons in the evenings but throughout each day of this week I had my head and heart steadfastly ' set toward Zion' in joyous expectation of the message I was so sure of receiving.

It will no doubt be of great satisfaction to you to know how gladly and with what appreciation the commercial men,who are guests of the hotel,received your messages. As you are well aware,this type of men are more or less reputed to be somewhat hardened. They had a great time jibing me about taking them to church-but in each instance it was a repetition of the lines in Goldsmith's poem " Those who came to scoff remained to pray".

I have before me right now the poster bearing the sermon topics. As I look them over and review the manner in which they were handled,I would be unable to state which one I enjoyed the most. I guess I needed the message of each. They were so outstanding,from the standpoint of subject matter,logic,diction,and earnestness of presentation that they rise above comparison. The above mentioned poster will be hung in my office as a constant reminder of what has been a most wonderful week in my life.

In the beginning of this letter, I stated that I felt an indebtedness to you that I would be unable to repay. I am hopeful that in these few lines you may find some small recompense.

Very cordially and sincerely yours,

H.W. Wagner

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December 11, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Doctor Speer:-

The Session of our Congregation, on behalf of all the people in our Church and for many of our community friends, is very happy to thank you for the week of your Preaching Mission which has played an important part in our religious life.

You have left with us fine thoughts and interpretations of Scripture that will be valuable to all of us for days to come and we are grateful that you gave to us such a memorable week.

The enclosed check is sent for your services and expenses, not with the idea that it is adequate, but as representing the voluntary response from your listeners, which over and above this amount, covered all the incidental local expenses in connection with this week of services.

With kind personal regards from each member of the Session,

Sincerely yours,

Roberts D. Royer

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Dec. 11, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer:-

In this humble fashion I want personally to express my deep appreciation for your ministry in our church and community. For me your week of services has been one of the richest experiences of life; for our church they have left an indelible imprint which shall never be erased. I don't know that any young minister has ever been so priveleged and thrilled as I was last week. I am now more than ever convinced that Christs' is the greatest work in all the world.-

It was a real pleasure to have you in our home on Thursday evening. I trust that we may have that opportunity again some time.-Mrs. Peters joins me in sending sincere wishes for a blessed Christmas season for you and your family. We want to thank you again for an indescribable experience.

Ever sincerely

John Thompson Peters

THE MERCERSBURG ACADEMY
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BOYD EDWARDS, D.D., LL.D.,
HEAD MASTER

December 13, 1940

My dear Dr. Speer:

Your words have always had for me almost a Biblical authenticity for reasons that are historic as to time and very deep as to quality. You have meant so much to me as my life has unfolded through the swift years that this word of greeting means a great message to my heart. The way ahead is misty, but your word is encouraging about it and I thank you for all you have meant to me and assure you that it gives wings to this letter, which I shall now treasure.

Affectionately and gratefully yours,

Boyd

Dr. Robert E. Speer

Ans

Norman Burton Barr
3614 NORTH PAULINA
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

December 18-1940

y Dear Brother Speer-

After reading what you are quoted as saying in the Presbyterian, ec.12-40-p-2-Col 1-paragraph 2-I feel I owe it to myself and what I believe to be the ctrine of Jesus and the Kingdom ofGod-perhaps to yourself,to express my deep regret at you have,as I understood your former position re-war- ,change of mind-or at least f language- from pure pacifism,to pure paganism-(excuse the bluntness)-

The earlyChristians were never of your present mind,if the words quoted ow express your mind--nor Jesus and His immediate apostles- If ever there was a time when the swords should have beenused to defended "Christian principles" and persons it was that night inthe Garden of Gethsemane when Peter ,apparently quite of your present mind,drew his sword in defence thereof,only to have Jesus say "Put up thy sword-for they that take thesword shall perish by the sword"-

The beginnings of Christianity were opposed by totalitarianism of rulership} ecclesiastical and political- yet won out andover them both-Why should you counsel the resort to the Papal course,conformity to paganism of method,when the way that won is always available ?

I would call your attention also to the words of John,(1:17),"The Law came by Moses,but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ"-I agree with Richard Roberts,(Canada) who two weeks ago here in Chicago,at the National Mission Conference,publicy stated that he Church of Christ is limited to the insrumentalities which Jesus used,and which John specified as "Grace and truth"-i-e-love and light-

For so many years I have so tospeak sat at your feet to learn the Jesus way, beginningin the University of Nebraska,(1893 graduate) that I can not quite endure with out this word of protest,your departure inthis respect-so important- "from the faith once for all delivered to the saints"-

In all "grace and truth,"

Norman B Barr

Rev.Robert E.Speer,
% The Presbyterian
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia.Pa.

Ans. Dec 23, '40

Dear Dr. Barr

I am much obliged to you for calling attention to the paragraph in the [illegible] of Dec 12. I do not know where the quotation attributed to me by [illegible] came from but I am sure I never said that "Christianity cannot fight". I believe just the opposite, as you will see if you read the section on war, pp. 57-66, in "When Christ was here" where I am explaining [illegible] "His Church in the first century was not called, & never as a Church has been called, to [illegible]" A condensation of these pages was printed in "Social Progress" [illegible] "Bd. of Education" in the May issue. I enclose a copy of the condensation.

What I believe, however, that Christ & the Church are not to wage war I am not & never have been a pacifist. I believe that resistance to carrying out the will of Tyrants & that this may involve the use of military force. And I believe that when this is the case as at present in the case of Chinese resistance to Japan and British resistance to Nazism, the individual Christian citizen's Christian faith does not debar him from doing his civil duty but makes him all the more determined in it.

The present conflict as Hitler makes clear in "Mein Kampf" is a determined effort on the part of his obsessing pagan view of life to destroy the Christian view. As Christian citizens we are duty bound to resist him "even unto blood"

Christ himself said that if his Kingdom were of this world his servants would fight. Great Britain is a Kingdom of this world. So is the German nation. So the [illegible] Germany, [illegible] is a [illegible] than to [illegible]. –

Yours sincerely,

WINGS OVER THE WORLD

By ROBERT M. KURTZ

It Is Often Quite Difficult to understand how men's consciences can differ; but they can and do. The majority of us doubtless feel that there are occasions when a nation is fully justified in going to war, and when, therefore, its citizens should fight. But there is a small but earnest minority of conscientious objectors who stand by their convictions that all such fighting is wrong. Dr. Robert E. Speer, in addressing the General Association of Connecticut (Congregational), gave reason why engaging in such wars as are now scourging the world is justified:

> Christianity must fight for the defeat of the totalitarian states because the negation of the values of human personality under totalitarian regimes denies Christian principles and glorifies the state as the center of all things. The state-centered regimes oppose the Christian philosophy and must be crushed in order to preserve Christianity.

"Be Ye Angry, And Sin Not." Anger is a natural emotion, and but seldom it may be justified. The serious thing is that it so easily leads to violence. A good man once told us that he was capable of such anger that, if

has been celebrated this year. From the first religion has made much use of it, the Gutenberg Bible, the first printed book, appearing about 1455. Guy Emery Shipler, writing in *The Christian-Evangelist* upon Religion in Printing, says this about printing in America:

> The first printing on the American continent took place in Mexico City 400 years ago, and again the first publications were of a religious nature. In 1534 Bishop Zumarraga returned to Mexico from Spain, bringing with him a printer who had a small press and a limited supply of type. The scarcity of paper made much work impossible, but a religious leaflet and a Mexican catechism were printed, and in 1540 the "Manual de Adultos" appeared from the little press. Curiously enough, there was another 100-year lapse before printing was taken up in what is now the United States. It was in 1640 that the first book appeared here—and it was a book of hymns, the "Bay Psalm Book", printed in Cambridge, Mass. As an appropriate part of the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the invention of printing and the 300th of its advent in the American colonies, the Harvard University Press will publish this fall a hymnology of three centuries of American hymns.

In September the Four Hundredth anniversary of the

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because they "just got mad". That is, 250 killings resulted when the murderers became enraged in quarrels over trifling incidents, one thing leading to another. In 116 of the 250 "quarrel-case" homicides, either the slayer, the victim, or both had been drinking, and the slayer had no motive for his action; no particular enmity against his victim. Some effect of the alcohol he had been drinking brought on the desire to kill, and before he knew it the deed was done.

The Conflict In Europe, Asia, and Africa, and now spreading over the seas, is not just another war to be added to the dismal list that makes up so much of the world's history. It might be looked upon as the culmination of all preceding wars, or at least the culmination of the causes of all preceding wars. Secretary Hull well summed it up when he said:

> We are in the presence not of regional or local wars but of an organized and determined movement for steadily expanding conquest. . . . By deed and by utterance, the would-be conquerors have made it abundantly clear that they are engaged upon a relentless attempt to transform the civilized world as we have known it into a world in which mankind will be reduced again to the degradation of master-and-slave relationship among nations and among individuals, maintained by brute force.

What Has Not Printing done for religion, culture, and the general interests of the race? The exact year printing was invented is not certainly known, but 1440 is the traditional date, so that its five hundredth anniversary

its manifestation:

> Ignatius Loyola and Martin Luther were contemporaries. The latter withdrew from the Roman Catholic Church about twenty years before Loyola established the Society of Jesus. The two men resembled one another in their religious fervor and unconquerable wills. But to Luther there came a liberation of spirit which resulted from a clear understanding of the doctrine of justification by faith in Christ alone. Loyola, on the other hand, saw only the method of pleasing God by devotion and works. What his great soul might have done for mankind had the light of the gospel really shined in his heart, the world will never know.

Relentlessly the Totalitarian octopus reaches out its tentacles farther and farther to grasp and strangle the liberties of men. This social and political devil-fish seems peculiarly enraged against Christianity. How soon will America feel its hideous clutches? This paragraph from an exchange pictures what its Japanese species is doing to the Korean Church:

> Old denominational organizations embracing some 60,000 Korean Christians were dissolved recently, and a new organization was set up in keeping with Japan's policy of placing religious associations under Government supervision and eliminating foreign influence. A new program for the organization stipulated that it would be free of foreign influence and would condemn Communism, individualism, democracy and doctrines inconsistent with Japanese national policy. Military drill will be enforced in schools and Christians will be encouraged to volunteer services during emergencies and to visit Shinto shrines.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Speer:

Mr. Shoemaker turned over to me on December 18th, your kind letter of the 17th. May I thank you for your kind thought of me.

I recall that I have followed you on a good many occasions these last forty years or more and now I am following you into retirement.

I only wish I could be sure of doing such useful work as you are doing in the years that you are supposed to be off duty.

Please give my heartiest good wishes to Mrs. Speer. May you both have a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Wood

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HORACE FORD MARTIN
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December 20, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Many splendid comments have come to me regarding your address last Wednesday evening on "The Present Issue," and may I add my personal interest in your address and my deep appreciation of your willingness to speak on such an occasion. I feel quite sure that your analysis of the world situation is correct, that it is not a struggle between two decadent imperialisms, but is, rather, a life and death grapple between the Kingdom of Light and the Kingdom of Darkness.

It is indeed gratifying to me that you were willing to come and address us as you did, and the fact that you were a member of the first faculty of this Seminary adds greatly to the significance of your being our chief speaker and ties in the beginnings of the school under Dr. White with the beginnings under a new President. We are most grateful to you for this kindness, and I trust that in the days to come we may be able to demonstrate to you the worthwhileness of this school today and its ability to carry on the great work of the Kingdom of God against the forces of evil.

Please accept my hearty thanks and affection for the splendid part that you have taken in what we hope is the beginning of a new day at the Seminary.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

Horace Ford Martin

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FREDERICK S. DUNCAN
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December 20 1940

Dear old Robbie -

We Scotch-Irish-Presbyterians are etty proud of our history and of the impress e have made on our American institutions - d justly pretty well sold on ourselves. So for quite a number of years a group of s have been carrying on the Ulster-Irish ociety of New York and having real enjoyment from it. Each year we award "distinguished citizen" medal to some orthy Ulster Irishman of outstanding chievement. The last award was to Dr John H Finley, the one before to President McCracken, and previously several prominent Scientists, lawyers, and business - And now we want to honor my dear old time Bobby Speer - which meets with my hearty approval - Indeed I had no qualms

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of conscience in telling our Committee that this was the best award ever - I think it was your prowess on the gridiron and your freedom from inhibitions of any kind when engaging in ichthyologic discussion that won unanimous approval of the electors - So polish up some little Ananias & Sapphire gems to add sparkle to the serious background of a moving address - and watch Freddie swell with pride when the medal is pinned on your manly breast - Of course Emma will come with you on the great occasion and with Emily will grace my table - - for Emma is an Ulster-Irish in her own right - and two of these rare specimens in one family is something to boast about - We will plan to have you and Emma come to us for that week - Sometime in March I

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imagine - We will have some much to talk over and will have such a good time

Until then and always, with love to you both,

Your affectionate friends
Emily and Frederick

Robert E Speer
Lakeville Conn

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My dear Dr. Speer:

As this letterhead testifies, we are at last well on our way toward the launching of our long-considered periodical. And the enclosed mimeographed sheets briefly outline the project as it now stands.

As you will see, virtually all of the original "32 Signers" of our declaration of last spring are lending their names in sponsorship. We are loath to go forward without your participation also, unless there are definite and strong reasons why you prefer it otherwise. The Editorial Committee and contributors will take full responsibility for all contents of the paper. The present letterhead is tentative and in all subsequent printings we would like to include your name. ~~I sent you a note with regard to this in early October, but it occurs to me it may have escaped your notice~~. Would you be willing to join with the others as a sponsor? A postcard is enclosed for ease in replying.

With cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Henry P. Van Dusen

Announcing

CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS

A Bi-Weekly Journal of Christian Opinion.

Twice in recent months the undersigned have joined in public statements on the relation of American Christians to the world conflict. The essence of those statements was that, in the present crisis, ethical issues are at stake which claim the sympathy and support of Christians and that Christians should enlist their resources in defense of democratic civilization. The response to these declarations indicates that they voiced the views of large numbers of persons who feel at present without adequate leadership and channels of expression.

Slowly we have been driven to the conviction that there is need for a modest organ to serve as a medium for the expression of this viewpoint and to supply both information and interpretation not now available. We are therefore lending our sponsorship to a new periodical to be called CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS.

It is our hope that CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS may be a truly ecumenical journal, holding the whole world and especially the World Church steadily within its view and concentrating upon world events in their bearing upon the life of that Church. Communication with Christian leaders in all lands will keep readers apprised of the most important developments. Contact with highest official circles here and abroad should furnish information not adequately reported in other sources.

While welcoming pacifist contributions, it will adhere to the historic Protestant faith that men must choose between relative goods and that the attempt to practice an absolute perfection in historic decisions only serves to betray men into subjection to tyranny. The present world conflict is a peculiarly vivid illustration of the evil forces which men must always combat and the baffling alternatives which always demand their decision. While attempting no simple answers to the perplexing problems of our day, CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS will seek to help Christians in their search for right decisions.

CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS will not parallel or compete with existing Christian journals. Its size is small, its scope limited and distinctive, and it will adhere closely to its special purpose and function.

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December 23, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speer
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Dear Friends:

I was just preparing a letter for you to tell you that I am in the country and to try and find out how I could reach or see you when your good letter of December 20th arrived. You do not know what a comfort it is to me, coming from the last white spot in Europe where some liberty is left, to come into this country of liberty where I have so many friends and such a resonance for the same values of life for which we stand. I see that Rockledge is also at Lakeville where my friends, the Coffins, are taking me to spend Christmas with them. Not knowing the distance I wonder whether this means a possibility of seeing you.

I will be in New York until January 9th. Then I go on a lecturing tour to California. I will join the National Christian Mission again at Pittsburgh and shall be back in New York again at the end of February. I do not know for how long. Maybe for a little while I cannot go back to Switzerland under present circumstances.

Please receive my warmest Christmas wishes and believe me

Yours ever

Adolf Keller
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Adolf Keller,
Director

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(Letter dictated but not read or signed by Dr. Keller)

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WILL YOU JOIN US IN SIGNING THE FOLLOWING LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATESAC "DEAR MR.PRESIDENT:

A TOO PREVALENT INDIFFERENCE AND APATHY TOWARD WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD AND THE THREAT TO OUR OWN VITAL NATIONAL INTERESTS PROMPTS US TO WRITE YOU THIS LETTER.

MANY AMERICANS UNDERSTAND THE IRRECONCILADLE NATURE OF THE FORCES THAT ARE ENGAGED ON THREE CONTINENTS AND ON MANY OCEANS.MANY UNDERSTAND THE DARK CONSEQUENCES TO US,TO FREEDOM AND TO DEMOCRACY HERE,TO THE FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS,SHOULD THE AXIS POWERS GAIN THE SUPREMACY OF THE SEAS.BUTMANY,FAR TOO MANY,DO NOT UNDERSTAND. A FEW DO NOT WANT TO UNDERSTAND.

IF,BEFORE 1936,IGNORANCE AND LETHARGY AND DISBELIEF BROUGHT MANY EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES TO THEIR GRAVE AND LED THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE THIN EDGE OF DISASTER,SO IGNORANCE AND LETHARGY AND DISBELIEF HERE ARE BLINDING US TO OUR OWN PERIL,THIS IGNORANCE, THIS LETHARGY AND THIS DISBELIEF MUST BE SWEPT AWAY BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.THERE MAY BE ONLY A LITTLE TIME LEFT.

YOU LED US SPLENDIDLY DURING THE CRITICAL DAYS OF LATE SPRING AND EARLY FALL.WE ASK YOU TO GIVE US THE SAME SPLENDID LEADERSHIP NOW=

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NBF109 SHEET TWO=

WE ASK YOU TO CLARIFY ONCE MORE, BUT PERHAPS IN GREATER DETAIL,, THE NATURE OF THE CONFLICT WHICH THREATENS TO WIPE OUT THE SORT OF CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION IN WHICH MEN MAY BE FREE FROM THE RESTRAINTS OF INTOLERANCE, FROM THE FEAR OF INJUSTICE AND FROM THE MENACE OF ARBITRARY POWER.

WE ASK YOU TO INFORM US, CLEARLY AND BOLDLY, OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF ENGLISH FAILURE AND OF THE CONSEQUENCES TO US AND TO OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN SHOULD BRITAIN FALL.

WE ASK YOU TO TELL US WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THE TRUTH, THAT THE MATERIALS OF WAR AND THE MILITARY AND NAVAL AND AIR STRENGTH WE NOW HAVE AND THE IMPLEMENTS WE CAN NOW PRODUCE ARE ENOUGH TO MAKE CERTAIN THE DEFEAT OF THE AXIS POWERS, SO LONG AS BRITAIN IS ON HER FEET AND FIGHTING, BUT THAT WITH BRITAIN DOWN, THEY ARE NOT ENOUGH AND MAY NOT IN THE FUTURE BE INCREASED ENOUGH TO HOLD THE WHOLE WORLD AT BAY.

WE ASK YOU TO MAKE IT THE SETTLED POLICY OF THIS COUNTRY TO DO EVERYTHING THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE DEFEAT OF THE AXIS POWERS, AND THUS TO ENCOURAGE HERE AND EVERYWHERE RESISTANCE TO THE PLAUSIBLE BUT FATAL ARGUMENTS OF APPEASEMENT.

TO THIS POLICY WE PLEDGE YOU OUR UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT, AND EXPRESS OUR COMPLETE APPROVAL OF YOUR RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLAN FOR LENDING ARMAMENTS TO BRITAIN.

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NBF109 SHEET THREE=

TO YOUR LEADERSHIP THE PEOPLE RESPONDED BEFORE, TO YOUR LEADERSHIP THE PEOPLE WIL, WE BELIEVE, RESPOND AGAIN. YOUR LEADERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PREPARATION OF MEN'S MINDS FOR WHAT MAY BE AHEAD OF US.

SINCERELY YOURS,"

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE ABOVE LETTER BE RECEIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER TWENTY-SIXTH. WILL YOU THEREFORE TELEGRAPH COLLECT YOUR REPLY TO US IMMEDIATELY AT ROOM 2944, 11 WEST 42ND STREET, NEWYORKCITY, OR TELEPHONE CHICKERING 4-7669. THE ABOVE LETTERS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL UNLESS OTHERWISE TREATED BY THE PRESIDENT. PLEASE JOIN US=

JAMES B CONANT LEWIS W DOUGLAS.

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DR ROBERT E SPEER=
ROCKLEDGE LA=

LEADING CATHOLIC, JEWISH AND PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN AND LAYME HAVE UNITED TO FORM AN "INTERFAITH COMMITTEE FOR AID TO THE DEMOCRACIES". THISGROUP WILL ISSUE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATIO ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH. WE THE UNDERSIGNED, SPEAKING BOTH AS CHURCHMEN AND AS CITIZENS, CALL THE ATTENTION OF OU FELLOW-AMERICANS TO THE GRAVITY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. IT IS THE ACKNOWLEDGED POLICY OF OUR COUNTRY, APPROVED BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF ITS CITIZENS, THAT GREAT BRITAIN, THE OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE OF FREE INSTITUTIONS IN EUROPE, MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO FALL. ON BEHALF OF ALL DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES SHE IS FIGHTING FOR THE IDEALS OF OUR CIVILIZATION IN WHICH CHRISTIANS, JEWS, AND ALL OTHER MEN AND WOMEN OF RELIGIOUS FAITH ARE CONCERNED. HER PEOPLE ARE STANDING UP UNDER APPALING ASSAULTS ON THEIR CITIES AND SHIPPING WITH STEADFAST COURAGE. BUT COURAGE ALONE WILL NOT SUFFICE;=

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THEY MUST BE SUPPLIED WITH PLANES AND SHIPS, WITH MUNITIONS AND FOOD.

WE, THEREFORE, URGE THAT SUCH SUPPLIES BE FREELY GIVEN OR LENT HER BY OUR COUNTRY. IF WE RECOGNIZE THAT SHE IS FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM AGAINST TYRANNY, IT IS SHAMEFUL TO DRIVE BARGAINS WITH HER FOR THE NECESSARY WEAPONS TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE. SHE IS PAYING IN THE LIVES OF HER BRAVE AVIATORS AND SEAMEN, AND OF HER NO LESS BRAVE CIVILIAN POPULATION, HER WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

FURTHER, WE URGE THAT THE PRESIDENT CALL A CONFERENCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES (BOTH THOSE WHOSE LANDS HAVE BEEN INVADED AND THOSE STILL = INDEPENDENT) TO COUNSEL TOGETHER FOR THE DEFENSE OF OUR LIBERTIES AND TO SET FORTH OUR COMMON PURPOSE TO ACHIEVE A WORLD IN WHICH FREEMEN CAN LIVE.

AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SIGNED ARE:
DR. WILLIAM M. AGAR, REV. ARTHUR J. BROWN, DR LYNN HAROLD HOUGH,=

:END SHEET 2.

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DR. WILLIAM J. SCHIEFFELIN, DR. HENRY P. VANDUSEN,
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE.

WE FEEL SURE THAT YOU ARE IN FULL ACCORD WITH THIS DECLARATION AND EARNESTLY URGE YOU TO WIRE US COLLECT YOUR WILLINGNESS TO BECOME A SIGNATORY.=

HENRY SLOANE COFFIN, CHAIRMAN
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DR ROBERT E SPEER=LA=

LAKEVILLE, CONN.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN EARLY, SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT: "THE PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED THE TELEGRAM WHICH YOU TRANSMITTED IN BEHALF OF THE MANY SIGNERS. THE PRESIDENT REQUESTS THAT YOU CONVEY TO THOSE WHO SIGNED HIS PERSONAL THANKS AND THAT YOU ASSURE THEM ONE AND ALL THAT HE WILL CONTINUE 'TO DO HIS BEST'." MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT HAVE ASKED TO JOIN THE SIGNERS. THIS LEADS US TO SUGGEST THAT YOU GIVE YOUR FRIENDS OPPORTUNITY EITHER IN GROUPS OR AS INDIVIDUALS TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE LETTER OR TO SIMILAR STATEMENTS TO BE WIRED DIRECT TO THE WHITE HOUSE. IT IS PERFECTLY PLAIN THAT THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS ACCLAIM THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT AND WILL WANT TO LET HIM KNOW OF THEIR SUPPORT OF A STRONG STAND IN HIS FORTHCOMING BROADCAST. IF YOU FIND IT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE= OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN IN SUCH EXPRESSIONS WE URGE YOU ASK THAT THESE EXPRESSIONS BE GIVEN TO NEWSPAPERS IN YOUR LOCALITY=

LEWIS W DOUGLAS JAMES B CONANT.

[illegible]A DEC 28.

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Dear Doctor:

As an old decent man

You ought to be ashamed to be a member of the notorious "150" that tried to send our young men to death or a crippled life. Please Doctor stick with God and the Bible. Don't forsake God. A Friend.

Tucson 12-27-40

Should a real, true, honest Christian stoops for war profiteers? Mass murderers? [illegible] others.

will they go to H.?

Richard Wulfers

Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Norman Burton Barr
3614 North Paulina
Chicago, Illinois.

December 30- 1940

My Drar Dr.Speer-

Tho I did not anticipate any reply from you to my recent communciation I welcome it as in part correcting my impression as to your renunciation of pacifism- which it now seems that you have never held nor professed.

The difficulties into which you ran during the 1915-1928 edition of the struggle fot empire-(and nothing else) and of which many of us became aware,with deepest sympathy for yoyrself and family-I thought at that time and until now issued from your confesssed and activitated pacifism- I now cannot think of you perhaps as a "backslider" what ever else you may or may not be-

Your argument for some wars,thisone in particularly recalls to my mind the argument in the Rig Veda,I believe,of the pagan(?) auther of the section arguing for war-which orders man- to attain;usually,as in this instance andthe laspurely worldly ends-empire and trade-this time primraily to save capitalism-from Communism-

If you sincerely believe that Britian is fighting to save Christianity- which I cannot think you really believ-than I am certain that you are "seeing through a glass darkly"- and I recall Jesus' words "If the blind leadethe blind then both shall fallinto the ditch"- I prefer tothink tuat your pro-British sympatheies-empire andall -have deflected your attention to and subjection to the mind and the spirit of Christ-I am a Britisher too- perhaps longer than yourself- two hundreds years ago-a North of Irelander-never a good Scotchman,or a good Irelander,but no ~~Britisher~~ Englander ever or at all-

Rejoicing in your ministry hitherto,as first of all ,as I supposed ,"a citizens of the Hewven"- and trusting that your citizenship therein may yet become 100% I am yours in Christ,the differing perhaps in our interpretation of His words and work s-

Robert E.Speer,
Rockledge-Lakeville-Con.

I am keeping your "excerpted pages,from Social Progress,for which I sincerely thank you-

Anonymous

On Our Way Back

This is not a story about On Our Way Back to the horse and buggy days; On Our Way Back to the phonograph, the silent pictures, the coal stove, the land, the horse plow, dirt roads, and Model Ts; street cars, sail ships, stokerless locomotives, and wash boards. It is a story about being On Our Way Back to a mode of living that has made these things ~~possible~~ pass. It is to help point out the way back to sense, sanity, and sanctification. It is to help maintain the streamline age with all of it's magnificent and glorious accessories, lest we drift back into a moral and social state where we will destroy the very things which we wish to maintain.

And to do this requires the help of every citizen in the country. It is not a job for one man alone, or any one body of men, but for the whole nation.

Mr. Hoover, in his recent article, in the Saturday Evening Post, on:We Must Keep Out, expresses the idea faithfully and candidly to a wayward nation when he says that "The voice of experience wanns us that whether we participate in this war today or not, we face a further quarter of a century of difficulty." That statement is harsh; it is cruel; but it is the gospel truth, and we just as well face it, if we want to maintain the material progress that we have made, to say nothing of our moral well being.

Now, what is progress, and what is not progress? The main confusion during the last few years about progress has been to confuse spiritual progress and material progress. Because we have gone ahead so fast materially, thousands upon thousands of people have drawn the conclusion that we have made progress spiritually as well.

But the truth of the matter is that while we have been going forward with whirlwind speed materially, we have been going backward spiritually. While we have been building super highways, super airports, streamline trains, magnificent air liners, and television radios, we have spiritually dfifted away from God, the Church, and the Bible.

It is no wonder that every European nation fears us! Who doesn't fear the rich, powerful, drunken pagan, or backslider, who comes streaking down the highway, in his streamlined, roaring, infernal instrument of destruction, when he is tanked to the gills? I wasn't in Europe last summer, but I had some friends who were, and they told me that those nations over there didn't fear each other nearly so much as they did the United States. What kind of reputation are we getting abroad? I was formerly under the impression that this country sent out more missionaries than all other countries combined; that we were loved and respected abroad. If this attitude has changed, and it evidently has, then it is about time that we start something to build good will and love, instead of ill will and hate. We have to do that at the same time we clean up at home.

Certainly,indebtedness for super highways, automobiles, airports, airplanes, radios, skyscrapers, and all the accompanying accourtrements is not to be condemned as being for the wrong things. This material progress is fine, but, IT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED, unless we catch up spiritually. By catching up spiritually, I mean these things must be paid for, and they must be used to uplift and help humanity the world over, and not used for purposes of destruction and physical conquest. In other words, hundreds of these planes should be used by missionaries. They should carry the Gospel of peace and salvation, instead of bombs of steel and gas.

It has been said that the World War of 1914-18 did some good in that it caused a rapid development of the airplane which would not have happened had it not been for the war stimulus. Now then we know

that the war of '14-18 did cause the rapid develppment of the airplane, but today we realize that it was not a good thing, and the statement that war does good is proven false in this category the same as in the political category, wherein we speak of "a war to end wars," or a "war to make the world safe for democracy." Bad airplanes have grown up and are about to choke out the good ones like fast growing weeds in a garden. War planes and exploiting planes are much too far ahead of the family and church going planes, to say nothing of the hospital, ~~bug~~ insect killing, rescue, and mercy planes.

Another misconstrued premise is the one that the world has no plaee to expand now. Well, what about New York? Is not the sky the limit? There is no limit to expansion either upwards or downwards. Suppose Germany had of used the same amount of time and money in building skyscrapers and worthwhile things that she used in building engines of destruction, would she not be far better off than she is today?

Now back to the United States. Even indebtedness for the worthwhile things of life is to be condemned, if we can pay cash; and if we do go in debt, the smaller the debt, and the shorter the period, the better. Relief must go back all the way from Washington to the individual family. Friends must help friends, and relatives must help their own kin. Now when you give your neighbor a drink of whiskey you are not helping him, but when you give him a cup of cold water you are. One costs and adds on more costs, like Doctor's bills; the other is free, but refreshes one, builds up, and helps to spread general prosperity.

In regard to "Business must take up the slack," and if "private enterprise fails, then government will step in with more and more drastic measures," we may just as well face that fact now as later. In this country we have "progressed" from Big Business to Big Government. Now we, as a whole nation of 130,000,000 individuals can "drift" on from Big Government to the next step downward, a Military Government, or we

can get going ON Our Way Back to private enterprize, Little Government, and Individual Initiative. In order to do that we must get back to first principles: Christianity, Democracy, and Capitalism. Only a zeal for religious revival will carry us back to these basic principles. However a start can be made by private companies buying government projects such as the TVA, for instance. That is the quickest way to keep the Government out of business. Where the tendency has been for a city to own and control their public utilities, those individuals with money to invest can buy these utilities; then they can own and opeate them without Government interference. The main idea that I am driving at however is that individuals and private companies must take the initiavive in a"back to private ownership" move, for it will not be done. The states themselves must take the initiative in any movement of govenment power away from Washington, and back to the states. It is impossible for the Washington "mad-house" to do it.

Democracy: In a true democracy, every individual assumes his or her fair share of responsibility as well as privileges. He or she devotes a certain amount of time and money to civic and government affairs and in this way voluntarily does what is required through force from autocratic and totalitarian states.

Christianity: The Christians, the righteous, and the Godly, without benefit of political office or social standing are holding up today what is left of a once great nation spiritually. If the pagans and the backsliders don't get on the band wagon, ON Our Way Back, we will not make the grade as a nation. Our material progress will become gradually and gradually more destructive, more militaristic, more centralized, and more nearly bankrupt. Let's blot out that picture, and look on the brighter side: the return to dead soberness, hard work, frugality, horse sense, a clean and clear conscience; health, happiness, and prosperity, joy, peace, and salvation; O yes, there is still salvation, just where we left it--at Church, our bedside, wherever it was that we left it for

don't go back to God, to missionary giving and living,

"fool's gold," for pleasure; for vice, sin, and crime. Deep down in every man's heart, even in 1939, is a yearning for the deep and abiding things of life, and for life eternal. Good and bad emotions begin right there, even in this streamlined age! It is only a question of which spirits we are going to let rule our lives.

The Bible says, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" And, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." So the destiny of a nation can be only the destiny of the individuals composing that nation. A thought leads to action, action to habit, habit to character, and character to destiny.

If the good old USA pretends to keep the gains that we have made already, to say nothing of making further progress, then we have got to get back spiritually to where we were when we owned a house and had it paid for; and a horse and buggy, and had them paid for, and a farm, and had it paid for. Sometimes one can go too fast for their own good! A run-a-way horse and buggy, with a drunken driver, was just as dangerous in 1909 as a streamlined, hundred horsepower automobile, in 1939, with the same kind of driver.

War is sin; hate is sin. There is no question whatsoever about love. A man who loves his fellow man is going to help him. He is not going to kill him, curse him, or hate him. I don't care if this is the USA, the "World's greatest and most powefful nation," if we don't get back to God we will end up where the rich young fool ended up who said, " I will pull down my barns, and build greater----I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." That's just the attitude a lot of people are taking now-a-days. We are riding for a fall, and for anything but peace, if we don't go back to God, to missionary giving and living, and to righteousness.

Everybody must keep their shirts on during the next few months, remembering that if the country goes to the dogs, it will be because we have gone to sleep at the wheel. In a workable Democracy, you have to stay awake, sober, out of debt; healthy, happy, and independent of the Devil. As Billy Sunday used to say, "Every man must fight his own battle for independence before he can celebrate his Fourth of July."

Nobody wants to go back to the hose and buggy days! Nobody wants to give up their auto, radio, and all the modern conveniences and comforts that we now enjoy. But we will go back farther than that if we don't quit acting like the rich fool who spoke so flippantly and disdainfully about saving his soul. We will go back, if we don't start helping the Church more, and the Brewers less; your wife more, and the gambler less; the Orphan homes more, and the Jack Pots less; the missionaries more, and the military plane factories less; the school kids more, and the gun plants less.

O yes, we can go back! We can go back to regimentation, to Godlessness, and the purge! We are already on our way back. Let's make it all the way! Back to righteousness! Back to Americanism! Back to prosperity! Back to common sense, decency, love, virtue, joy, peace, salvation, Heaven! Back to God spiritually! Forward with progress materially!

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